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Statement On Br. Policy Next Wednesday

PETHICK-LAWRENCE TO MEET LEADERS IN MAY

Whitehall Impressed By Report Of Delegation

(From Our Correspondent)
LONDON, February 15.

Doubts that the British Cabinet has given Number One priority to the Indian question are likely to be dissipated by next Wednesday. In all probability on that day there will be a simultaneous statement in London and New Delhi about Government's immediate intentions in regard to the Indian constitutional situation.

It may be recalled that some months ago Lord Pethick-Lawrence stated that he would not hesitate to visit India when the appropriate moment arrives. I understand the Cabinet takes the view that that moment has now arrived.

Next Wednesday's statement may, therefore, refer to the possibility of Lord Pethick-Lawrence and his Deputy, Mr. Arthur Henderson, going out to India sometime in May. It is learnt that the Cabinet has gone into very close examination of the similar visit over 25 years ago by the former Secretary of State for India. That was when Edwin Montagu visited India during the Viceroyalty of the late Lord Chelmsford. His visit, it may be remembered, caused many harsh bickerings in and around the Viceregal Lodge. I am told that the British Cabinet has given very serious consideration to this aspect of the situation. It is satisfied that history will not repeat itself on this occasion.

What I learn is that Lord Wavell himself has suggested to Whitehall that Lord Pethick-Lawrence should undertake such a visit.

Montagu's mission will be distinguishable from that of Lord Pethick-Lawrence from the fact that while the former went out to India on a fact-finding mission in collaboration with Lord Chelmsford which produced Dyarchical Rule in India, Lord Pethick-Lawrence would be going out as 'de facto' plenipotentiary of the British Government to negotiate with Indian leaders and, if possible, arrive at a settlement. In these negotiations he would be associated at every phase by the Viceroy, Commander-in-Chief and Mr. Henderson.

There is also the suggestion that Sir Stafford Cripps should form part of this plenipotentiary team; but it is too soon to say whether such a step would be taken in view of the repercussions caused by his last abortive talks in India.

It is learnt from the most reliable quarters that both the Prime Minister and Lord Pethick Lawrence are tremendously impressed by the assessment of the Indian situation made for them by the members of the Parliamentary Delegation who have returned from India.

Lord Munster, Mr. Nicholson, two Conservatives, are drawing up a special report for the consideration of the Conservative India Committee.

"Sooner Br. Quits India The Better"

LONDON, Feb. 15 (U. P. A.): "The sooner Britain quits India the better, both for Britain, India and the peace of the world," Mr. Rhys Davies told the United Press of America to-day. Davies, who is renowned as an anti-Imperialist Labour M.P. and a Gandhi disciple, has just returned from a tour of the United States.

He said imperialism practised by any government is doomed, for no nation is entitled to govern another, even though it might do it better. It is better being governed badly from within than from without," he said.

Davies draws an analogy of a person entering his neighbour's house and staying there without permission. "The intruder is punished for his action. What applies to the individual must in future apply to nations."

Bhavnagar Wheat Crops Damaged By Rain

(From Our Correspondent)
BHAVNAGAR, Feb. 15

Yesterday evening there was a storm in Bhavnagar and surrounding areas. At 2 o'clock at night there was a shower of rain. By this unseasonal rain and storm considerable damage has been caused to crops of wheat and mangoes.

'QUAKE SHOCK IN BR. COLUMBIA

VANCOUVER (Br. Columbia), Feb. 15 (A.P.A.): Earth tremors, that shook the walls, upset dishes and broke windows, were felt along the Pacific coast from Vancouver as far south as Portland, Oregon, on Thursday.

MAHATMA FOR BOMBAY

BOMBAY, Feb. 15, (A.P.I.): Mahatma Gandhi and party will leave Wardha for Bombay on February 17 by the Calcutta mail and arrive in Bombay on the morning of February 18. They will stay in Bombay for the day and leave for Poona the next day, February 19, by the afternoon train.

Mahatma Gandhi will stay in Birla House, and on February 18 there will be public prayer held at 6-30 p.m. in Rungta House.

Opposition To Rush Tactics

Congress-League Move To Hold Back Rail-Road Co-ordination Plan

(From Our Correspondent)
NEW DELHI, Feb. 15.

Lobby circles are responsible for the report that a Congress-League understanding has been reached on the Rail-road Co-ordination Scheme. According to reports the Opposition would cry halt to the Government of India's proposal till such time as provincial Ministries were constituted and had time to consider the whole issue.

The Jute Conference will be held here on Feb. 23 to consider the question of quote acreage in 1946-47.

ALL-INDIAN EXECUTIVE FOR VICEROY

Bill In Parliament To Give Centre Power Of Food Distribution

LONDON, Feb. 15 (A.P.A.): The House of Lords yesterday passer on its dicisive second reading a bill to revamp India's Government, giving India the possibility of All-Indian Government headed by an Indian Prime Minister.

Lord Samuel, arguing for passage of the measure declared the British Viceroy "should be constituted as a representative of the Sovereign" and ought to be "assisted by a Prime Minister, who should be an Indian, of altogether an All Indian Cabinet."

"There ought not to be any statutory barrier to his Council being wholly Indian," Samuel asserted.

Lord Pethick Lawrence, Secretary of State for India, said the Bill would allow the Viceroy—Now Lord Wavell—to reform the Viceroy's Council "in accordance with Indian opinion."

The Bill also gives the Indian Legislature temporary authority, Lord Pethick Lawrence said, to make laws continuing legislation which would lapse when the emergency was declared over including that enabling food distribution to be made on an All India basis.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (MARCH)
New York, Feb. 15

Previous closing	25.94
To-day's opening	26.00
Difference	+06
To-day's closing	26.46
Difference	+52

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
New York, Feb. 15

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—
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United States Steel Pref dol 162.—Reuter.

"We will make the British quit", said Aruna Asaf Ali, seen addressing a mammoth audience on Chowpatty sands on Thursday and another mammoth meeting at the Shivaji Park on Friday evening.

Sind Ministry In Dilemma

Defeat At Budget Session Certain: Governor May Suspend Constitution

(From Our Correspondent)
KARACHI, Feb. 15.

Frantic efforts of the League Ministry to secure two members of the Assembly to join them as Ministers have miscarried. The Syed-Moula Bux coalition is riftproof. Its members are determined to defeat the League Ministry at the first available opportunity. The Ministerialists are trying to delay the evil day by a postponement of the Assembly session at least till March 2.

SECTION 93 FOR SIND?

It is reported that Sir Francis Mudie, Governor of Sind does not want the Coalition Party to come into power if the League Ministry goes out of office. He may go to the extent of suspending the constitution.

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WAVELL'S BROADCAST ON FOOD CRISIS TODAY

NEW DELHI, Feb. 15 (A.P.I.): The Viceroy is broadcasting on the Indian food situation from the Delhi Station of All-India Radio at 8-30 on Saturday evening. The broadcast will be transmitted in the 21, 41, 48, 49 and 85 metre bands and also on 338 metres, and will be relayed by all other stations of All-India Radio.

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One More Seat For Congress

LATEST PARTY POSITION IN ASSEMBLY FRONTIER

PESHAWAR, Feb. 15 (A.P.I.): One more Congress candidate, Abdulla Khan, has been declared elected to the Frontier Legislative Assembly from Dera Ismail Khan North Constituency. He secured 4908 votes, while his rival Muslim League candidate, Nawab Nasrullah Khan, ex-Deputy Speaker, secured 3255 votes. The third independent candidate Mr Sai Akbar who got only 12 votes forfeits his security.

A sum of Rs. 201-2-0 was found from the ballot box of the successful Congress candidate and a sum of Rs. 5 was found from the ballot box of the Muslim League candidate.

Khan Mohd Abbas Khan (Muslim League) ex-Minister of Dr. Khan Sahib's Cabinet has been declared elected from the Mansehra North Constituency securing 1,597 votes. Khan Bahadur Ali Gohar Khan (Independent) polled 1,108 eight votes and Hari Fawira Khan (Congress) secured 81 votes.

One more Muslim League candidate, Lt. Col. Nawab Sir Mohd. Akbar Khan, Chief of Hoti, has been declared elected to the Frontier Legislative Assembly from Ardan district Tamalzai Constituency. He secured 8,354 votes while his rival Mr. Shakirullah Khan (Congress) polled 8,185 votes. The following is the latest party position:—

CONGRESS	27
MUSLIM LEAGUE	13
NATIONALIST MUSLIM	2
AKALI (SIKH)	1

COLOURS FOR PARTIES

MADRAS, Feb. 15 (A.P.I.): The Madras Government has decided to allot colours to parties for the ensuing elections in order to secure uniformity throughout the presidency.

The following are the allotted colours:

CONGRESS (Yellow); MUSLIM LEAGUE (Green); COMMUNISTS PARTY (Red); ANDHRA SWARAJ-PARTY (Red); Andhra Swarajya Party (Red with one or more blue stripes); Radical Democratic Party (Blue); Nationalist Muslim Majlis (White), Scheduled Castes Federation (Red with one or more white stripes.

The Tamil Nad Congress Parliamentary Board after five days sitting concluded its deliberations today completing the selection of candidates for elections to the Madras Provincial Legislature from all constituencies in Tamil districts. The recommendations of the Board will be forwarded to the Central Board for approval immediately.

Latest Casualty List

CALCUTTA, Feb. 15. (A.P.I.): A survey of Calcutta hospitals tonight disclosed that there was no fresh admission to-day. But one of the patients died to-day, bringing the total dead during this week's disturbances to 46.

At least eight cases are said to be still in serious conditions.

U. S. Army Base Section Headquarters announced that 40 American soldiers were injured during the disturbances, including three previously unreported injuries.

DAYS OF SECRECY OVER!

Jawahar's New Technique "For Freedom Struggle"

BENARES, Feb. 14 (A.P.I.): Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru addressing the Student Congress workers this morning observed that the days of conspiratorial work and secret preparations were over. "To win the struggle based on pure strength", he added, "we have to win the hearts of our countrymen who are in the Army. For them, ours will be open appeals and we will establish open contacts. Now our preparations will be of a psychological nature.

ADVICE TO STUDENTS

Asked to point out the defects of the students' movements in India, Pandit Nehru said: "To offer political leadership to the country is not the function of the students' movements in India. They cannot recommend any action to the country. Of course this does not apply to conditions that are created in a crisis. Students instead of taking an active part in politics should go to the villages when they find time and there they should try to improve the conditions of our poor countrymen.

"The students' movements all over the world are of a non-political nature, whereas in India they are linked with politics. This is the main defect of the students' movements in India."

Concluding, Pandit Nehru referred to the 1942 movement and said: "We were bound to fail in this movement as the country was never prepared to face and struggle with military power."

Editors' Committee Meets

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 15 (API): The Standing Committee of the A.I.N.E.C. met in the Vizianagram Hall at 2-30 p.m. Mr. S. A. Brelvi presided.

The Committee heard reports from the conveners and also the Government of India's reply on the future of the consultative machinery.

The Committee discussed the question of qualifications for accredited correspondents, Government subsidized journalists and passed the accounts.

The following were present:—

Messrs. Tushar Kanti Ghosh (Patrika); Sir Ushanath Sen (Reuter); W. C. Wordsworth (Statesman); J. N. Sahni (National Call); Lingaraj Misra (Samaj); J. C. Himkar (Jagriti); S. N. Ghosh (Pioneer); B. Sen Gupta (U. P. I.); K. Rama Rao (National Herald); P. T. Chandra (Tribune); A. D. Mani (Hitavada); B. Shiva Rao (Hindu); Amrilal D. Seth (Janmabhoomi); Joachim Alva (Forum); Devadas Gandhi (Hindustan Times); Murali Manohar Prasad (Searchlight); H. V. R. Moharary (Samyukta Karnataka); K. Punniah (Sind Observer); Durga Das (Hindustan Times); Mr. Subramaniyam (Leader); S. N. Bhatnagar (Wata); and K. Srinivasan (Bombay).

Marked Return Of Confidence

Calcutta Quiet: But Trouble Spreads To Suburbs: Trains Held Up

CALCUTTA, Feb. 15 (A.P.I.)—Calcutta has been undisturbed today by incidents and there has been a marked return of confidence. By midday bus services were functioning on most of the routes and taxis and other conveyances had returned to the streets. The tram service, however, did not work. A very large number of shops had reopened Closing hours were, however, earlier than usual. Today was a holiday for Government and Educational institutions owing to the Muslim festival of Fateha Duwazdaham.

Military and police patrols continued throughout the day. British and American military personnel, not on duty, were still markedly absent from the streets.

The attendance of telephone girls at the Exchanges improved considerably, and the Telephone authorities were able to resume service to all subscribers.

One person admitted to hospital earlier in the week with injuries sustained in the disturbances died today raising the total deaths in Calcutta to 43. No cases of injuries were admitted today so that the figure for such cases in connection with the disturbances remains at 238. In addition cases of minor injuries during the disturbances numbered 251.

The number of deaths in incidents outside Calcutta, Naihati, Kankinara Bally and Dum Dum during the four days ending 14th, is 9. This is additional to the Calcutta deathroll of 43. No incidents have been reported from these areas also today.

TROUBLE IN SUBURBS

Trouble, however, continues to be reported from suburban areas.

The up and down trains on the Bengal-Nagpur Railway were held up this morning for about two hours by a large crowd squatting on the track at Bauria station, about 20 miles from Calcutta. On receipt of information some leading gentlemen of the locality arrived on the spot and persuaded the crowd to clear the lines. Thereafter trains resumed running as usual.

The Midnapore-Howrah Local, which was the first train to be stopped at Bauria, reached Howrah about 90 minutes later than scheduled.

QUESTION IN COMMONS

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—A complaint that it was only today that the Government was able to give the House of Commons details about the Calcutta riots whereas a Press statement had appeared on Tuesday, was made in the House of Commons today by Earl Winterton (Conservative).

The Government of India should be informed of the need for earliest information in view of the fact that the serious disturbances obviously affected the safety and welfare of both British and European nations, he said.

The Under-Secretary for India Mr. Arthur Henderson, who had given the casualty figures and other details already published, said that he would look into the suggestion but in fairness to both the Government of India and the India Office, he would say that situation reports had been sent from time to time but he had been unable to give a full report because of the changing situation.

TIMBER YARD ON FIRE AT CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, Feb. 15 (A. P. I.): Fourteen fire engines were at work to-night fighting a big fire which broke out in a timber yard in Syed Amil Ali Avenue, Park Circus area, adjacent to the tram depot. The fire was discovered at about 10-30 p.m. and on receipt of information all available engines were rushed to the scene.

British troops came on the scene and after throwing a cordon round the place, helped the firemen.

The timber yard has been reduced to ashes, but an adjoining church stands unaffected. Nor has there been any damage to the Park Circus tram depot nearby.

At 4 in the morning, the burntout timber yard was still smouldering.

Police Open Fire On Meerut Crowd

12 INJURED: 20 ARRESTED IN RASHID DAY CLASH

Processionists' Attempt To Break Through Cordon

MEERUT, Feb. (A.P.I.): Police opened fire today on a crowd which tried to break through a police cordon and attacked them with brickbats. Twelve persons are reported to have received injuries.

After Jumma prayers, the local Muslim League and the Muslim students Federation took out an "unauthorised" procession in connection with Abdul Rashid Day. The police stopped the procession and asked the processionists to disperse. The crowd is stated have tried to breakthrough the police cordon, whereupon the police resorted to a lathi charge. The crowd retaliated with brickbats. Finding the situation becoming uncontrollable, Khan Sahib Shafiq, City Magistrate, ordered the police to open fire.

Twenty persons have so far been arrested.

The District Magistrate and the Superintendent of Police reached the spot immediately, and are trying to bring the situation under control. Local leaders are also moving about the town in cars appealing to the people to disperse and go home.

SECTION 144 PROMULGATED

Of the 12 persons injured in today's disturbances, it is now reported that only four of them received gun shot wounds, two of them serious. The others received lathi blows.

It is also reported that 72 policemen received injuries from brickbats.

Section 144 has been promulgated in the town banning the assembly of more than five persons holding of meetings, taking out processions, using loud speakers, pasting posters, and carrying lethal weapons.

'Rashid Day' At Peshawar

PESHAWAR, Feb. 15 (API): Muslims of Peshawar observed 'Abdul Rashid Day' yesterday by taking out a procession which paraded the main streets of the city, shouting slogans and expressing resentment against the discriminatory treatment meted out to Capt. Abdul Rashid. The procession terminated at the Yadgar Chowk, where a public meeting was held.

'Hungry Postmen' In Ahmedabad

(From Our Correspondent)
AHMEDABAD, Feb. 15

From to-day postal servants of Ahmedabad will discharge their duties with badges of "Hungry Postal Servants". This decision was taken yesterday. At a meeting of the Ahmedabad Head Post Office Postal Union they will keep these badges upto February 23 in order to demonstrate their demands, which includes improvement in pay scale and dearness allowance.

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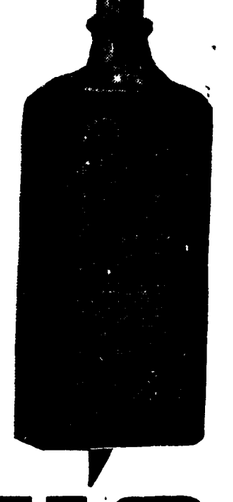

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PUNJAB GOVT. ORDERS RELEASE OF SARDUL SINGH

Two Brothers Of Bhagat Singh Also To Be Set Free

LAHORE, Feb. 15. (U.P.I.): The Punjab Government is understood to have issued orders for releasing all security prisoners. They include the Forward Bloc President, Sardar Sardul Singh Caveeshar, Sardar Kuldip Singh and Kultar Singh, brothers of the late Sardar Bhagat Singh and Munshi Ahmad Din, a prominent Socialist leader.

These orders will bring the total number of security prisoners released in the Province to 12, leaving only three more political convicts still in detention.

EARLIER

Further enquiries show that Sardar Sardul Singh Caveesher, Security Prisoner, now in the Dharmashala, is awaiting release by an order of the Central Government whose prisoner he is.

The Central Government, it is gathered, had earlier made a reference to the Punjab Government if the latter had any objection to Sardar Caveesher's release to which, it is understood, the Punjab Government replied saying that they had no objection whatever. His release order is expected any time.

It is understood that the Punjab Government has issued order for unconditional release of Dr. Gaya Prasad, Mr. Shiv Varma and Mr. Jaidev Kapur who rejected an offer for a conditional release earlier. These prisoners were sentenced to transportation for life in the Bhagat Singh Conspiracy Case and are now lodged in a U. P. Jail.

Mahatma On Raja Mahendra Pratap's Release

SEVAGRAM, Feb. 15. (U.P.I.): Mr. Dwarkanath Bhargava, President, Prem Mahavidyalaya, Muttra, which was formed by Raja Mahendra Pratap, had an interview with Mahatma Gandhi.

It is understood that Gandhiji told Mr. Bhargava that he was glad that Raja Mahendra Pratap had been released in Japan. Gandhiji is understood to have assured that he would continue his efforts to see that the Raja Saheb is allowed to come back to India as soon as possible and added that he would not consider that the Raja Saheb had been released, unless he was once more in the midst of his countrymen. It is also understood that Gandhiji wished to be supplied as much information as available regarding the Raja Saheb.

League And Assam Ministry

CALCUTTA, Feb. 15. (A.P.I.): Asked about the Muslim League's attitude to the question of participation in the Assam Ministry, Nawabzada Liaqat Ali Khan, Chairman of the All-India Muslim League Parliamentary Board, told an "Associated Press" representative to-day that the League could not coalesce with any non-Muslim League Muslims.

MADRAS APPEALS

Nawabzada Liaqat Ali Khan arrived here last night. It is likely that he may proceed from here to Madras in connection with appeals against the decisions of the Madras Provincial Muslim League Parliamentary Board on nominations for election to the Madras Legislative Assembly. Qasi Mohmmed Isa, member of the Working Committee of the League, and Mr. Killedar, a member of the Central Legislative Assembly, are expected to reach Madras to-morrow in connection with these appeals. They will report to the Central Parliamentary Board, which will then come to decisions on the appeals.

Nawabzada Liaqat Ali Khan is likely to return to Delhi for the Assembly session by February 23.

SOVIET SHOWS FIRMNESS ON TRIPOLI ISSUE

London And Washington Unnerved; Oil Interests Raise Howl

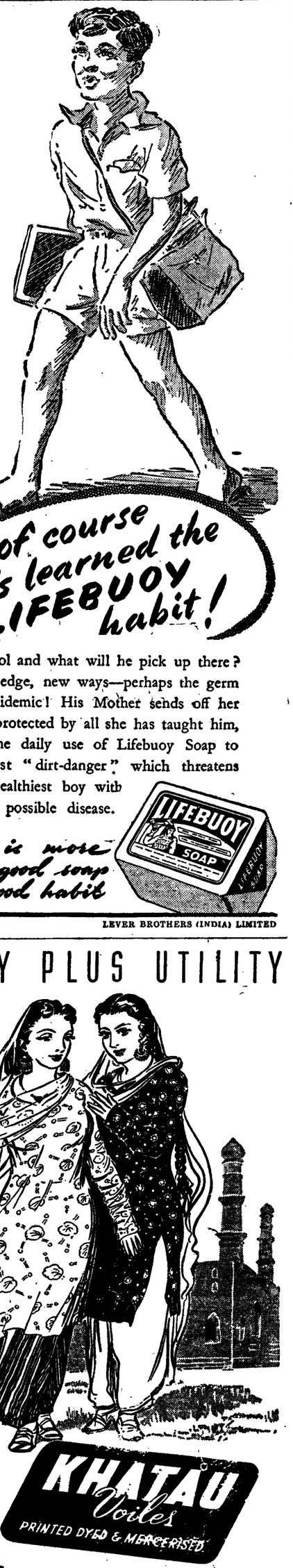
(From Our Correspondent)
LONDON, Feb. 15.

The categorical Soviet refusal to include Tripoli among the former Italian territories which would be administered under the UNO and then granted independence is causing the most acute concern in Washington and London. This American-sponsord proposal is being branded by the Soviet delegate as a "crude Yankee attempt" to keep out the Soviet Union from the Mediterranean.

The Russians feel it will not work and they are determined to demand a mandate over Tripoli. The American delegates privately admit that Russians' stubborn insistence for this mandate has rocked the State Department more than any Soviet move for many months. The big oil companies are already raising a howl in the lobbies at Washington. They are openly alleging that Persia, Iraq and Saudi Arabia can be written off as oil sources within two years after the Russians are entrenched at Tripoli. London and Washington will undoubtedly make a vigorous fight against this Kremlin move. Those in the know of things predict more fireworks over the question of the Italian mandate than on any other matter connected with the peace treaty.

One British delegate said: "this is a genuinely vital issue and there can be no compromise or yielding on our side. It boils down whether or not we are remaining a world power".

NEW DELHI, Feb. 15. (U. P. I.): The Government of India decided to close down the Directorate of General Shipping and Repairs, Bombay, with effect from January 31 last, says a Press Note. A skeleton staff, however, is being kept to complete the new construction programme now in hand.



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MALKANI-PUNWANI: On Saturday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. at Sri Guru Singh Sabha, 264, Frere Road, Near G.P.O., of Ghanshyam B. Malkani of Associated Press of India, and Ruki Dayaram Punwani. Relatives, Friends and Brother Journalists are cordially invited.

To-day's Engagements

NOTICE TO WOMEN-JURORS: Sheriff's notice Re: Women Jurors—Attention is drawn to the notice appearing in the Public Notifications Column.

INDIAN WOMEN'S 'VARSITY: Legal Instruction Lectures at 1-30 p.m. today at the S. N. D. Thackersey College for Women, Carnegy Road, Queen's Road.

KHAR GYMKHANA: Annual Sports on Gymkhana grounds at 3 p.m. (S.T.) today. Hon. Mr. Justice Chhagla will preside.

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BOMBAY SUBURBAN SOCIAL SERVICE LEAGUE: Free show of Educational Films at the Patkar's Old Blocks, Bandra, at 7-30 p.m. (S.T.) today.

PROPHET MAHOMED'S BIRTH ANNIVERSARY: At 6-30 p.m. today at People's Jinnah Hall, Shri Nagindas T. Master will inaugurate and Dr. Alban D'Souza, Mayor of Bombay will preside.

CONGRESS DAL: Entertainment in aid of the Ambulance Corps of the Congress Dal to-day (Saturday) at 9 p.m. at Jinnah Hall. Shri Nagindas T. Master will preside.

BOMBAY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND THAKURDWAR SHAKHA: Echo Meeting at the Vanita Vishram Hall, Sandhurst Rd., at 4 p.m. (S.T.) today Mrs. Hansa Mehta will preside.

"THE SILVERFISH"—Today (Saturday) 16th 5 p.m. Playreading—"Arms and the Man" by Bernard Shaw (arranged by Mrs. B. S. Mardhekar).

IDEAL MUSIC CLUB: Classical music by Sangit Chudamani Vinayak Dowa Patwardhan at 10-30 p.m. today at Kittee Bhandari Hall, Gokhale Road ('North' Dadar.)

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS (Matunga) Special public lecture on "Path of Devotion" at 10-30 a.m. at Anandi Nivas, Bhaudaji Road.

CONGRESS CENTRAL PARLIAMENTARY BOARD: The Secretary of the All-India Central Parliamentary Board of the Congress announces that a meeting of the Board will be held at Congress House, Bombay at 1 p.m. today (Saturday). Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel will preside.

MUSLIM SHIPPING CO: Possibility of floating a Muslim Shipping Co. was discussed at a general meeting of the Memon Chamber of Commerce, Bombay, held on 10th inst. under the Chairmanship of Al-Haj Ebrahim Motiwala J.P. It was decided to call a special meeting of the commercial magnates of the Muslim community to discuss the matter at length and draw up a scheme.

MRS. ASAF ALI AT VILE PARLE: Mrs. Aruna Asaf Ali will address a public meeting at 9 p.m. today (Saturday) at New Goklibai P. P. High School, Dadabhai Road, Vile Parle (West).

FRIENDS OF THE SOVIET UNION Meeting of members today at 7 p.m. at the Girgaon F. S. U. Office. Mr. C. S. Narayan Rao, Asst. Librarian, Petit Library, will speak on "Library, Librarian and the people."

KODAK GOLD MEDAL WINNER: "A meeting to entertain and congratulate Mr. Lakshmichand C. Sanghavi, the Proprietor of Forward Studio has been arranged by his friends and admirers at 4 p.m. in Marwadi Vidyalaya Hall today on the occasion of his winning the Kodak Gold Medal awarded for the best portrait of the year in the Annual Exhibition of the Professional Photographers' Association. Dr. D. G. Vyas, D.O.M.S. (Lond.) will preside.

CONGRESS SEVIKA DAL: The G. O. C. of the Congress Sevika Dal writes: All Sevikas must report themselves to-day (Saturday) at the Dal's Office between 4-30 and 7 p.m. Those who are busy with their Examinations are requested to attend for a short while.

ADJUDICATOR FOR D. E. S. & T. DISPUTE

NEW DELHI, Feb. 15 (A.P.I.): The Chief Commissioner, Delhi, has appointed Mr. D. Falshaw, District and Sessions Judge, Delhi, to adjudicate the dispute between the D. E. S. and T. Company, Limited, and its employees.

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TO-DAY ON RADIO

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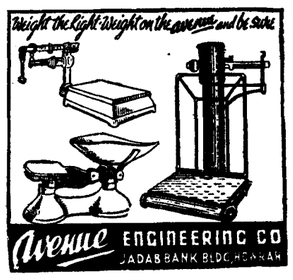

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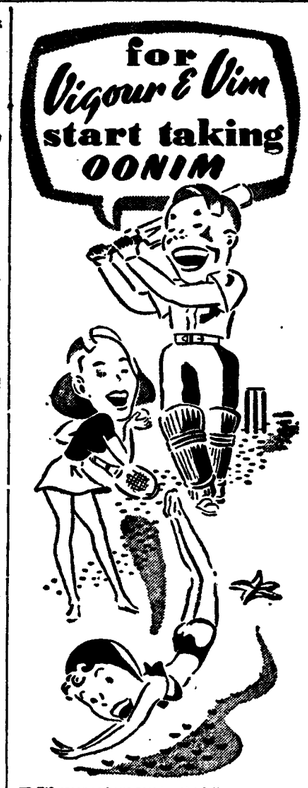

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Declaration By Pataudi Annulled By Umpires

By J. C. Maitra

BOMBAY, Friday.

Sensational cricket was witnessed at the Brabourne Stadium on the opening day of the Zonal Quadrangular. To start with, the formidable East Zone combination was skittled out for an insignificant total of 65 within 97 minutes! It was a close repetition of the history of the 1938 final when the Hindus were dismissed by the Muslims for 69 in its first innings.

In that year also C. K. Nayudu was the skipper of the discomfited side. It is said that the wicket was slightly wet yesterday—as on the previous occasion—perhaps due to the previous night's drizzle or heavy fall of dues. Apparently C. K. did not consider it to be dangerous wicket or he would not have taken the risk of batting on it after winning the toss. But to his chagrin he found his batsmen going down like nine pins before the deadly bowling of Amarnath and Fazal Mahmood as the Hindus had surrendered to Mahomed Nissar and Saeed Ahmed before. It appears to be a tactical blunder on his part. Had he invited his opponents to bat first instead, there was every possibility of the latter coming to grief in a similar manner. However, that was not to be.

TEST BOWLERS FLOGGED

By the time the Northerners entered on their venture, the wicket was in a happier state. The opening batsmen took things easy and treated the redoubtable bowlers of the East Zone with scant courtesy. Smart fielding by C. S. and substitute. Sen prevented a huge score which slackness on the part of Chowdhury and wicket keeper Parthasarathy helped to pile up. Abdul Hafeez was really unfortunate to miss his century by a single run, but he had the satisfaction of recording first sixer of the tournament.

WAS PAT NERVOUS?

I do not why Amarnath, Pataudi himself and Roshan Lal were put so low in the batting order. Actualy the first-named appeared on the crease last! And Pataudi came in at the fall of the sixth wicket. A large crowd—about 20,000 strong—had turned out to see his batting. But they were greatly disappointed. Immediately Inayet Khan hoisted his century—the total was 327 for 6 then—he applied closure. There was a little barracking no doubt from the Hindu Gymkhana enclosure. But that should not have perturbed a player of his experience and eminence. He should have stuck to his guns and proved his real worth to his critics and opponents. That he failed to do. Even the big lead taken by his side should not have forced his hands in this respect.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION?

But Pataudi's decision was upset by the umpires, Naik and Patel. After they had gone back to the Pavilion they pointed out that the M.C.C. rules did not permit such a declaration on the first day. After a good deal of discussion, the North Zone players came out to complete their innings. But to the surprise of all it was found Pataudi and Inayet had been given out by the umpires for leaving the field without their permission! Excitement ran very high at this stage all round the Stadium. But it culminated in a pity for Pat's ignorance of the rules of the game. Long absence from it has evidently rusted his memory. I wish however that the remaining batsmen, Amarnath and Co., had made a better show of themselves in the end.

Cricket of the most sensational variety was witnessed at Stadium when the East and North Zones met in the first match of the Zonal Tournaments. The entire East Zone side was dismissed for a paltry 65 runs in a little over an hour and a half this morning. This debacle was largely due to the wicket which was a little wet as the result of yesterday's drizzles

NAIDU'S INAUSPICIOUS START

C. K. Nayudu won the toss but elected to bat on a very difficult wicket. This is the second time that C. K. Nayudu made the mistake of batting on a wet wicket. The other occasion was when the Hindus were dismissed for 69 runs before lunch against the Muslims in the Rentangular finals.

Amarnath and Fazal Mahamood bagged four wickets each at the cost of 5 and 6 runs apiece respectively. Jnayat Khan bagged the remaining two wickets for 9 runs.

Mushtaq Ali and Jagdale were the only two batsmen to enter double figures.

NORTH ZONE BAT

North Zone opened with Nazar Mohammad and Mohammad Saeed. The opening pair was playing fine cricket and during the short period that remained for play had collected 44 runs without being separated.

AFTER LUNCH

Nazar Mohammad and Mohammad Saeed started off in a very bright fashion after lunch and runs came very fast. The outfield was moved down to a very thin turf and was much faster than normal.

C. K. Nayudu brought on Jagdale and this had an immediate effect. He dismissed Nazar with the total at 82 and eight runs later his partner was out l.b.w. to the Holkar googly bowler.

Abdul Hafeez and Kisenchand came together but after scoring only 5 Kisenchand suffered the fate of Mohammad Saeed.

Rai Singh came next and was shaping well but just when he looked well set he was very brilliantly run out by C. S. Nayudu off his own bowling.

This brought Inayat Khan to the crease and then a long partnership followed. The left hander got his 50 and then lifted C. S. Nayudu to the pavilion for a grand six. He received a life soon after at 67 when Chowdhary at mid-off failed to hold a dolly catch off Sarwate.

When Abdul Hafeez was only two runs short of his century he made a stroke towards third man tried to get a quick two. But before he could complete his second run he was brilliantly run out by Sen.

The partnership had realised 124 runs for the 5th wicket.

Fazal Mohamood came next but did not stay long. Sarwate had him l.b.w. when he had scored 12.

Amidst great jeering for coming so late to bat Pataudi joined Inayat Khan who soon completed his 100.

Pataudi applied the closure to his innings at this stage, the sides went in, but as the Umpires nullified the declaration North Zone batted again, with Inayat Khan and Pataudi retiring.

Indirjit and Irani came out to bat, but the end was in sight. C. S. Nayudu and Sarwate claiming the batsmen respectively. Amarnath who came last was unbeaten with 0.

East Zone commenced its second innings with Parthasarathy and Sarwate who played out time.

SCORES:

EAST ZONE (First Innings)

S. N. Bannerji b Amarnath	2
C. T. Sarwate, c Amarnath b Fazal Mohamood	5
Mushtaq Ali b Amarnath	13
B. B. Nimbalkar b Amarnath	0
K. Bose b Amarnath	1
C. S. Nayudu c Irani b Fazal Mohamood	0
M. M. Jagdale c Abdul Hafees b Inayat Khan	24
C. K. Nayudu l.b.w. b Fazal Mahomood	6
N. Chatterji b Inayat Khan	2
Parthasarathy st. Irani b Fazal Mahomood	6
N. Chowdhary not out	1
Extras	3
Total	65

Fall of wickets: 1 for 4; 2 for 22; 3 for 22; 4 for 22; 5 for 27; 6 for 34; 7 for 50; 8 for 58; 9 for 59 and 10 for 65.

NORTH ZONE (First Innings)

Nazar Mohammad, c Bose, b Jagdale	31
Mohammad Saeed, l.b.w., b C. S. Nayudu	42
Abdul Hafeez, run out	99
Kisenchand, l.b.w., b C. S. Nayudu	5
Rai Singh run out	8
Inayat Khan retired	100
Fazal Mohomood, l.b.w. b Sarwate	12
Nawab of Pataudi retired	1
Indirjit, l.b.w., C. S. Nayudu	26
Irani, b Sarwate	2
Amarnath not out	0
Extras	24
Total	350

Fall of wickets: 1/82, 2/90, 3/108, 4/140, 5/264, 6/310, 7/322, 8/322, 9/330 and 10/330.

EAST ZONE (Second Innings)

Parthasarathy batting	1
Sarwate batting	1
Extras	1
Total (for no loss)	3

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Amarnath	2	0	2	0
Fazal Mahamood	1	1	0	0

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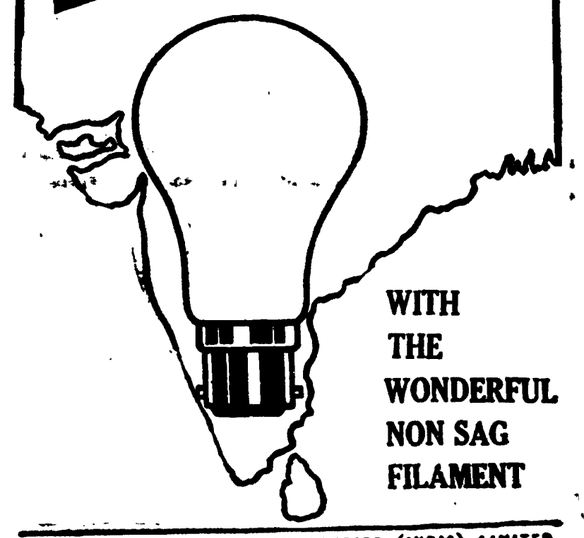

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ANOTHER FAMINE IN INDIA INTOLERABLE

Nicholson Challenges Minister To Disprove E. A. Command Got Priority In Matter Of Rice

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter): An urgent appeal to British House of Commons and the Government to realise the gravity of the food situation in India was made during the food debate last night by Mr. Godfrey Nicholson, Conservative Member of the All-Party British Parliamentary delegation which has just returned from India.

"In India" he said "they are not worried about dried eggs and jellies. There it is a question of death by starvation possibly for very large numbers of people."

Dr. Hugh Dalton, Chancellor of the Exchequer who wound up the debate, said that Britain would, of course, do all in her power to endeavour to stave off "this shocking calamity overhanging the people of India." But I hasten to add that even our utmost against this background may be terribly small. We shall do our utmost using to the full for this purpose the machinery of the Combined Food Board and the newly set up, very hopeful though young, international food and agricultural organisation to which we are deeply committed."

QUESTION OF SUPPLY

Dr. Dalton added: "As regards India the problem is wholly a problem of physical supplies, shipping to carry them and sources from which they can be drawn, and in no respect a financial problem. There is no lack of capacity to pay in terms of money in India. On the contrary, they have a vast sterling balance. It is a question of supply, and we shall do our best to forward that."

Mr. Godfrey Nicholson said that anybody speaking of the Indian food situation had a heavy responsibility. It was clearly his duty not to create feelings of panic where necessary but to impress the gravity of the situation on the House.

Mr. Nicholson said that Parliamentary Delegations made up of a different parties were seldom unanimous on political matter, but on the food situation in India they were indeed unanimous. They felt to be under deep obligation to direct the attention of the House and the Government to the situation in India. He thought the Minister of Food under-estimated grain shortage in India. There was deficiency of grain ration for about 24 000-000 people. The situation was grave.

"The point is", he declared, "India has no assured imports of grain whatsoever. India does not know what is going to be sent, for she has been given half promises by Government, but nothing definite.

"The first thing I ask for India is that she should know where she stands. The Minister of Food said that in the next few days he would be engaged in talks with the Indian Food Mission. Those of us who have been to India regard the situation as exceedingly serious, and we shall not let him rest about it." Referring to the allocation of Siamese rice, Mr. Nicholson said that it was alleged that the first quarter of the allocation to Cuba was 60,000 tons, and yet Cuba refused to ration rice. It WAS ALLEGED THAT ALL THE SOUTH EASTERN ASIA COMMAND AREA EXCLUDING INDIA HAD BEEN GIVEN PREFERENCE OVER INDIA AS FAR AS RICE WAS CONCERNED.

MINISTER CHALLENGED TO DENY OR CONFIRM

"THESE STATEMENTS MAY OR MAY NOT BE TRUE. I ASK THE MINISTER TO DENY OR CONFIRM THEM. IT WILL BE AN UGLY THING IF THERE IS ANOTHER FAMINE IN INDIA."

Mr. Nicholson added: "If grave political difficulties during next few months in India are added to conditions of famine in many parts of the country, the situation hardly bears contemplation."

The British Parliament, he said, had direct responsibility for the food policy of the Indian Government. "I urge upon the Government—and this is not a party question—to face this fact that by far the greatest aspect of this problem is Indian one.

U. S. Feeding India With Vain Hopes!

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14. (Reuter): The possibility of increased rice supplies from Siam for the starvation-threatened Far-East and India was being explored here in talks preliminary to the arrival of the Indian Food Mission, due in Washington from London within a fortnight, it was learned from informed sources here to-day.

Such increase would mean a change in the total of "rice reparations" included in the recently signed Anglo-Siamese Peace Treaty, though any additional amount would be paid for in cash—either sterling or dollars.

SIAM'S OBLIGATIONS.

The Treaty required Siam to "make available free of cost a quantity of rice equal to accumulated rice at present existing in Siam subject to a maximum of 1,500.000 tons."

It is understood that Siam has a stock of old rice totalling some 1,500.000 tons.

In addition, she is expected to produce crop, which although considerably below the pre-war average of 4,800.000 tons will be well over 2.900.000 tons needed for domestic consumption.

Any increase in rice supplies from Siam will probably go to the Straits Settlements and Indonesia and some also to Burma. Burma, herself normally the world's leading rice exporting country, is expected to have a slight deficit this year, but this can probably be made up from old stocks.

Additional imports from Siam could, therefore, enable some exports to India to be made.

"DRAMATISING INDIA'S PLIGHT"!

Paving the way for the arrival of the Food Mission the Government of India Information Services here continue to dramatise the plight threatening the nation's millions. "A population about equal to that of the United States faces imminent famine unless supplies of rice and wheat reach them within the next three months", a handout isued to all newspaper offices to-day declared.

Opinions on the chances of the Food Mission succeeding in its task vary among authorities here.

There is no confirmation, however, of reports that a decision has already been taken to put India higher on the combined Food Board's priority list and the final decision on such a matter is more likely to await the mission's arrival.

INDIA LEAGUE'S ACTIVITY.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14. (Reuter): The famine situation in India was discussed to-day at a special meeting of the Executive Committee of the India League of America. The Committee decided to appoint a special Emergency Committee, which was instructed to take the following steps immediately:

(1) To determine the present activities and future plans of the United States Government and inter-governmental agencies with respect to the approaching famine crisis in India;

(2) To seek to have the principle established of equality of relief for Europe and Asia;

(3) To coordinate the activities of all American organisations interested in the problem;

(4) To keep public opinion in the United States fully informed of the crisis and the type of action necessary.

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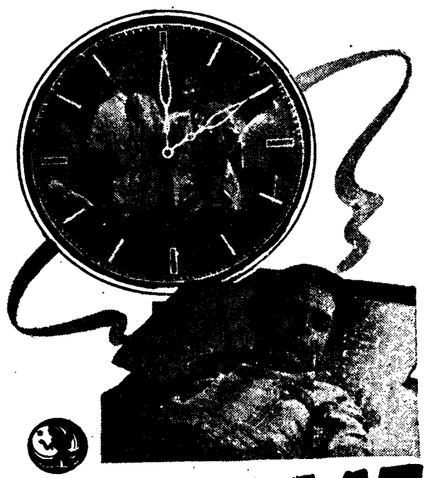

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SIAM RICE

Why Growers Are Loath To Part With Surplus

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter): Siam—the main hope for export of rice to India and other countries in the East—is being given a high priority by Britain in the supply of consumer goods, such as agricultural tools and textiles to induce Siamese growers to part with their rice.

Sir Ben Smith, British Minister of Food, stated this in the House of Commons today when replying to a debate on the food situation. He said that the main difficulty in obtaining Siam's surplus rice was that growers were rather loath to part with it owing to lack of confidence in their currency. Another reason was that they were unwilling to sell unless they get something for their money.

RISK TO 'STANDARD OF LIVING'

The debate had been opened by Mr. Anthony Eden, the Acting Leader of the Opposition, who criticised Government for "lack of co-ordination between Government Department, lack of foresight and lack of timely action.

He regarded a cut in the fat ration from 8 to 7 ounces as a "grave risk to our standard of living and health of our already overstrained population who have endured six long years of rationing."

REMINDER OF HENDERSON'S ASSURANCE

Deploring Government's lack of foresight, he referred to the answer to a question given by the Under-Secretary of State for India, Mr. Arthur Henderson, last December, in which he said that Government saw no cause for apprehension of famine, whether in Bengal or elsewhere in India.

"I simply cannot understand that answer in relation to what has happened since", he commented.

WHEAT FOR GROUNDNUTS

Mr. Eden declared that the main reason the Minister of food had given for the cuts was retention by the Government of India of a substantial quantity of groundnuts because of the food position there.

Mr. Eden asked what has happened to the bargain which he was under the impression Lord Lewellin had made, with India to exchange a substantial quantity of wheat for groundnuts which India was to supply to Britain. He asked for an explanation of what had happened to the arrangement, whether wheat was not delivered, and if not why not.

On the subject of groundnuts Sir Ben Smith said that the grave food situation in India had naturally made the Indian Government reluctant to part with these supplies. During the past two years, they had allowed an export of 5.00,000 tons and last summer the British Government had every reason to suppose that they would get more this year.

In view of serious damage to millet and rice, it looked as though the British would not get more than 300,000 tons against the 600.000 they had hoped for.

ADDITIONAL DETERIORATION.

Dealing with the famine question Sir Ben said that it was disclosed on January 25 that the loss of rice and millet in Madras owing to drought was estimated at over 1,000,000 and in Mysore 300.000 tons. That was an additional deterioration of over 1,000,000 tons for those two Provinces along when compared with the estimates received in December.

Sir Ben Smith said that the magnitude of the problem would be appreciated when it was realised that export of rice in 1946 from Burma, Siam and Indo-China would be less than 1,500,000 tons, compared with the average per-war export of about 6.000,000 tons. There was about 1,500,000 tons in Siam, but the problem was to get it away.

REAL RISK—OF FURTHER CUTS.

Earlier in his speech, Sir Ben had given a warning that Britain might have to make further food sacrifices. "There is a real risk that we may have to make further cuts later in the year" he said.

"We might have to raise the extraction-rate of wheat still higher or use coarse grain in our bread. I hope I shall be able to avoid that" he added.

Referring to the cut in the British fats ration, he said he would aim at getting more American lard, but it was a question of dollars. That was also the case with dried egg.

Rebutting the charge that he had kept the House of Commons uninformed, Sir Ben said that it was necessary sometimes to maintain a discreet silence, because Britain was relying on the seller market for food and to reveal her stocks would raise the prices. He said that as early as last October, he drew the attention of the House to the seriousness of the food situation. The full seriousness of the wheat situation did not emerge until the middle of December.

AZAD TOO ILL TO GO TO DELHI

CALCUTTA, Feb. 15. (A.P.I.): The Associated Press of India is informed that owing to persistence of temperature since his return from Shillong on February 12, the Congress President Maulana Abul Kalam Azad has been advised by his medical attendants not to undertake the strain of any journey. He has, therefore, postponed his departure for Delhi where he was expected to fly today to meet the Viceroy in connection with the food situation in the country.

It is learnt that in view of the postponement of his visit to Delhi Maulana Azad has telegraphically advised Mr. Asaf Ali to meet the Viceroy and then come to Calcutta with whatever information he may have for the Congress President.

INDIA ACT BECOMES LAW

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter): The India (Proclamation of Emergency) Act designed to safeguard requisitioning powers under Defence Regulations is now law. It received royal assent in the House of Lords today.

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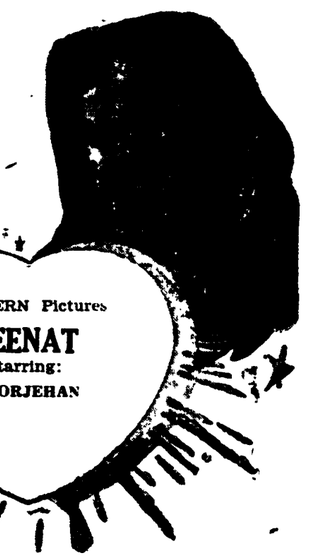

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POONA, February 15, (API): The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours, from November 1, 1945 and departure from normal recorded at 08.00 hours I.S.T. on 15-2-46. Ahmedabad 93 71 0 0 minus 0.3, Bombay 87 71 0 0.4 minus 0.4, Calcutta 92 65 0 0 minus 1.9, Delhi 83 54 0 0 minus 2.0 Hyderabad (Dn) 89 63 0 0.1 minus 1.7, Hyderabad (Sd) 81 53 .0 0 minus 0.5, Lahore 62 51 0 0.1 minus 2.0, Lucknow 87 58 0 0 minus 1.7, Madras 86 70 0 17.4 minus 3.6, Nagpur 89 62 0 0 minus 2.0, Peshawar 76 47 0 2.1 minus 1.2, Poona, 93 62 0.1 0.1 minus 1.2, Simla 59 44 0 0.6 minus 5.3.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

It is never too late to be what you might have been.
—GEORGE ELIOTT.

The Bombay Chronicle

NOTABLE REFORMS

The Bombay University may be congratulated on having introduced, though after much avoidable delay, some important reforms. It has reformed the Matriculation syllabus by accepting the principle of including one optional subject and by ceasing to insist on a classical language or a modern European language other than English as a compulsory subject. It has also prescribed some much-needed improvements in the service conditions of college professors and lecturers. The present Matriculation syllabus has long been felt to be extremely cumbrous and rigid. But so far there was no consensus of opinion as to how precisely it should be altered. Under the new regulations English, a modern Indian language, Mathematics and Science remain as compulsory subjects while a classical language or a modern European language other than English, and History and Geography, hitherto compulsory subjects, are transferred to a group of optional subjects from among which only one is to be chosen. Thus the candidate may choose either an additional language, History, Geography, Physics, Chemistry or Domestic Science as his optional subject according to his liking, aptitude or needs. Without going too much into detail, one can safely say that the new syllabus is slightly simpler and much more flexible than the old one. On the whole it is a distinct improvement.

Of the various objections that have been or are likely to be urged against new syllabus two only need be considered. One is that the course has been unduly simplified. It is particularly pointed out that, while at present a candidate has to obtain 35 per cent marks in every subject he has, under the new rules, to secure only 25 per cent marks in each subject though the total for all subjects must be 35 per cent. But the tendency in the past has been to make the question papers stiffer and the examination of the answers stricter when the percentage of marks for passing was low. Indeed, it is probable that many who may pass in each subject may fail to get the requisite total of 35 per cent marks. However the minimum for an important subject like modern Indian language may well be 30 per cent. Another objection is that an important subject like History and Geography is no longer compulsory and may not be chosen as an optional subject. It should be possible to make the subject compulsory without making it a heavy burden. Or the University may require from each school sending up candidates for the Matriculation a certificate that they have all gone through a specified course in the subject in the Matriculation or pre-Matriculation standard.

It is gratifying that at long last the University has fixed the salaries of full-time Lecturers, including Assistant or Junior Lecturers at a minimum figure of Rs. 150 per month in Bombay and Rs. 100 per month in mofussil towns, of Professors and Assistant Professors at a minimum figure of Rs. 200 per month in Bombay and Rs. 150 per month in mofussil towns. These figures are not high, considering the high educational qualifications necessary for Professors and Lecturers. But they are at least tolerable, except that Rs. 100 is too low even for mofussil towns, in several of which the cost of living is high. However, a beginning has been made with a fixed minimum. And efforts should be made to raise it and also to provide for graded increments. Care should also be taken that the new rule is in no way circumvented by the management of any college. Public opinion needs to be more critical about curricula and service conditions of schools and colleges.

Impudent Plea

Mr. George Hall, the British Colonial Secretary, has made in the Commons a statement on the economic boycott of Palestine Jews by the Arab countries, which, to put it mildly, borders on the impudent. Few things can match the hypocrisy of using the argument of "the interests of the inhabitants of Palestine" upon which the British Government propose to make representations to the Governments of Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Transjordan. The British, an entirely foreign people and Government, got themselves foisted in 1920 upon Arab Palestine as Mandatory and opened that country to a huge, indeed an avalanche, of foreign Jews. And all against the vital interests, of interests involving the question life and death, of the inhabitants. Even now the interests of the inhabitants are being sought to be assailed by the British Government. It is against such designs that the brothers of the inhabitants of Palestine, the Arabs of Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Transjordan are launching a protest in the shape of the economic boycott. And a foreign Government proposes to protest to these Arabs in the name of "the inhabitants of Palestine! If this is not impudence, what is?"

Frankly Speaking

An Infamous Act

After waiting for twenty years, the Trades Union movement in Great Britain is going to get its own back. In 1926, the T.U.C. called a General Strike in support of the miners. The strike broke down after nine days. The victors, that is to say, the Tory Government of Mr. Baldwin, ably assisted by such "geniuses" as the then Liberal Sir John Simon and others, went all out to exploit the victory for the benefit of their class. In the name of safeguarding Britain against a possible Communist inspired revolution and so on they passed an Act designed not only to render General Strikes illegal but also, and mainly, to cripple the power and prestige of the Trades Union movement. Now that Labour has for the first time won an absolute and thumping Parliamentary majority, it has proceeded to honour its obligations to its constituents, who also constitute by far the vast majority of the people of Britain. The day on which the infamous Trade Disputes Act of 1927 is formally repealed and removed from the Statute Book will be a historic day for the British working class.

Levant's Demand

When the Levant, shall we say "appeal", was taken up by the Security Council, members spent an hour and a half gravely discussing whether the case was to be regarded as a "situation" or a "dispute". Amusement at this hairsplitting is, however, considerably modified by the fact that only if it were ruled to be a "dispute" could the interested parties, Britain and France be excluded from voting or be deprived of their privilege as Big Powers of exercising their "veto" right. The question is still undecided. But the case of the Levant States for the total withdrawal of French and British troops has, notwithstanding, been taken up and is under discussion. Friday's proceedings are not before us. But M. Vyshinsky took the opportunity on Thursday of firing the first shot when he described the Levant case as similar to that of a "proprietor who asks the court to eject an intruder." And it was a good shot too. It would be interesting to see how the intruders, especially the French, return M. Vyshinsky's fire.

A Curious Army

Whatever the theoretical rights and wrongs of the case, the position of the British-supported Polish army in Italy is an extremely anomalous one. The army does not recognise the Polish Government and the Polish Government does not recognise the army. The British recognise both! It is, of course, quite correct to argue that they could not at once repudiate the Polish armed forces as they withdrew recognition from the emigre Government in London. The feelings and sentiments of the troops had to be considered and they had to be demobbed and disposed of accordingly. But it is now a long enough time since the war ended for the British to do something definite and final about a force which the Government of its country does not recognise. The Polish Government's note to the British Ambassador demanding the liquidation of this force does not surprise us.

A College For Kanara

The long-suspended attempts to start an Arts and Science College in Kanara seem to have been resumed with vigour, as we understand that within the last few weeks nearly a lakh of rupees has been subscribed towards the college, to be located at a central place like Kumta. Representatives of the Kanara College Society are now in Bombay to collect funds from Kanarans in the city and other friends of the District, which, in spite of its extreme poverty, has made notable contribution to the national struggle for Swaraj. The Society's workers have made a fair beginning in the city with a contribution of Rs. 10,000 from Mr. M. N. Kulkarni and Rs. 5,000 from Mr. R. N. Kalbag, both prominent businessmen, hailing from Kanara. But considering the requirements of an Arts and Science College a great deal more has to be collected. The district badly needs a college for its large number of students who are promising but many of whom are too poor to go outside the district for higher education. We trust therefore there will be generous and prompt response to the appeal for funds made by the Kanara College Society and published in our columns yesterday.

"Ambedkar Refuted"

C. Rajagopalachari deserves congratulations for a booklet which tersely refutes Dr. Ambedkar's bulky book, "What Congress and Gandhi have done to the Untouchables." The idea of such a publication is to make a problem intelligible to the general public and make it available at as low a price as possible. The author has done his job well. However, the publishers—"Hind Kitabs"—have unconsciously sabotaged an important effort. They have unnecessarily included badly taken, awfully reproduced, meaningless 8 pictures, in a 38-page booklet and have priced it at rupee one. I appeal to C. Rajagopalachari and "Hind Kitabs" to make the reprint of the booklet as cheap as possible.

When will our publishers learn to plan books and the authors take intelligent interest in the "babies' they produce?

D. G. TENDULKAR.

MUSLIMS CELEBRATE PROPHET'S DAY

Processions & Meetings In City

BOMBAY, Friday: The Muslims of Bombay celebrated to-day with great eclat the Birthday of the Prophet Mohammad.

Muslim localities were tastefully decorated with Muslim League flags, buntings and festoons. Most of them were brightly illuminated in the night. Many multicoloured gates and arches were erected at the entrances of different streets.

In the afternoon a crowded programme of meetings and procession was carried out.

Before the procession started from the Khilafat House at 2-30 p.m. Mr. Abdur Rahman Siddiqui, M.L.A. (Central), unfurled the flag and exhorted the Muslims to rally round the banner of Islam and uphold its prestige.

The procession consisted of various Muslim organizations including the Khilafat Committee, the Pakistan Society, Capt. Abdur Rashid sentence Protest Committee, the Muslim Social Workers' Groups and the Khaksars. The procession wended its way through Muslim localities for nearly four hours and ended at Chotta Qabristan at dusk in a public meeting.

The procession was led by Mr. Zahid Shaukatali.

The meeting was held after the evening prayers and was presided over by Mr. Abdur Rahman Siddiqui, who paid a glowing tribute to the work of the Holy Prophet.

Among others who addressed the meeting and spoke on the life and teachings of the Prophet were Allama Abul Irfan and Maulana Habeebulla Fizai.

Another mass gathering was held in the afternoon at the Anjuman-e-Himayat-i-Islam High School under the auspices of the Prophet's Birthday Celebration Committee and nearly 130 Muslim Associations of Bombay participated in it.

Performing the opening ceremony His Holiness Pir Nizamuddin Saheb Chishti cited from the Prophet's life some episodes connected with his humanitarian drive, and appealed to the Muslims to work sincerely for the cause of Islam and the Musalmans. The Nawab Saheb of Bela presided.

A number of speakers recalled the life work and teachings of the Holy Prophet and explained the ideology of Islam from religious, social, political and economic aspects.

The function lasted for nearly 4 hours.

JINNAH IN CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, Feb. 15 (A.P.I.): The League President, Mr. M. A. Jinnah, arrived here this afternoon by Delhi Mail, which reached Calcutta two hours late.

Mr. Jinnah was received by Mr. M. A. H. Ispahani, Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan, Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy, Mr. K. Nurooddin and Mr. U. Ansari, Editor of Star of India. He then drove to the residence of Mr. Ispahani, his host.

A few minutes after his arrival, Mr. Jinnah was closetted with Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan Mr. M. A. H. Ispahani and several other League leaders.

No Adjournment Of Puran Singh Trial

DELHI, CANTT, Feb. 15 (API): When the Fifth INA Court Martial trying Jemadar Puran Singh (Gurkha) assembled today, the Judge-Advocate, Major Bhatt announced the decision of the court that no adjournment could be granted and the case would therefore proceed.

It is recalled that Mr. B. Banerjee, defence counsel, asked for an adjournment for 15 days to enable the defence to move the High Court, by way of "habeas corpus" application on the plea that Sec. 67 of the Indian Army Act placed a limitation on the jurisdiction of the court to try the accused on certain offences.

The second and third prosecution witnesses Rifleman Rabi Lal of 2/9 Gurkha Rifles and Hav Wolit Bahadur gave evidence and were cross-examined. The court adjourned till Saturday.

"Attitudes And Latitudes"

By 'BIRBAL'

(The views expressed in this column are not always necessarily those of the Editor.—Editor "B. C.")

At Bahraich Pandit Nehru said: "Let the British Government understand that if there is famine in this country the people will not tolerate it..... If there is famine in the province I ask the people to revolt against the Government and let Government be prepared to face it".

'Birbal' agrees with Panditjee. No Indian should meekly submit to deal by forced starvation. *Birbal* would, however, remind Panditjee that by the time the food situation really becomes acute, Congress will be the Government in most of the famine-stricken provinces. Who would then revolt against whom? After all the mere fact of Congress being in power in the provinces is not going to make up for the mathematical shortage of foodgrains. Improved administrative efficiency will not by itself feed people while the procurement powers and policy remains with the present centre. It is most likely that the present centre will continue to function for considerable time to come. In that case, what role will the Congress ministries play when the famine comes? It will be difficult for them to remain the Government and point at the centre—it just won't go down with the starving people. Nor is this a question about which the Congress can say "We'll see when the time comes". It is coming and very fast too.

'Gulam-Mudie'

From the way Congress is winning seats without contest in the various provinces it appears that there will not be much interest left in the rest of the provincial elections. It is almost a mathematical certainty that Congress will sweep the polls everywhere. Interest is now virtually centred in the contests for the Muslim seats and it is further heightened by the results in provinces with which Mr. Jinnah seeks to constitute his Pakistan kingdom. Bengal has yet to go to the polls, but it is clear from the rest that the strength of the Muslim League is already on the decline. From 100 per cent in the Central Assembly elections, which inspired Mr. Jinnah gloatingly to celebrate a 'Victory Day', the victory became 90 per cent in Assam, which is a minority province. In the majority province of Sind it has decreased to 77 per cent. But that too does not represent the real strength of the League. It has won only 57 per cent of the total Muslim votes cast in Sind. The North-West Frontier looks like definitely repudiating the Qaid-e-Azam, who had even gone to the sartorial length of sporting a shalwar in honour of the Pathan. The final position has yet to emerge, but the trend is distinctly in favour of the Congress and Nationalist Muslims. And it is already clear that the majority of Pathan voters in the province has pronounced definitely against the Muslim League. The contention that while the Muslims in the minority provinces are shouting for Pakistan those who ought to be directly concerned are not quite keen on it, can no longer be questioned.

Post-election ministries have taken office in Assam and Sind. Assam has returned to the Congress. No Governor, however ingenious and however easy in constitutional virtue, could stop it. Nor would *Birbal* altogether be astonished if one fine morning he read of a group of Muslim Leaguers coming over to join the Congress-Jamiat party in Assam. It is, however, a different tale in Sind. The history of "popular" cabinets in Sind makes of it, a province of political paradoxes. Now it has presented the crowning one of all. A single individual, neither Indian, nor member of the Assembly, nor even a voter has yet vetoed a minority group into office over the head of the majority. That individual is Francis Mudie. His talents are not unknown and he is capable of even greater smartness. There is already talk of dumping two outsiders into the Ministry. Six months during which these outsiders need not seek election to the House in which they will sit in the House and function as ministers is presumably hoped to be long enough time for the Mudie-Gulam Husein alliance to get to work and acquire Sind for keeps—and the devil take the hindmost, which in this instance is made up of constitutional honesty and duty. It is a pathetic delusion. But even if the strategy succeeds, *Birbal* will welcome it. Mudie's smartness should serve to check the tendency in our leaders to sentimentalism. When they next get afflicted with a seizure of Wavell-Lawrence mania, they should remember Francis Mudie. It will steady them.

Freedom At What Cost

The good-will delegation from the British Parliament has come and gone. It remains to be seen now what report is submitted to the Government 'at home' and whether the various members will agree on their conclusions any more than the League and the Congress out here do. It is not likely. They will, however, carry pleasant memories and some amusing. For several years to come Mrs. Nichol will tell the women gathered in her sitting room, "it is most amazing you know, the armies of servant those Indian women employ—just to help the unemployment question." And Mr. Sorenson will tell about the slums he visited and the dirt and squalor and ignorance and disease. The Conservatives will wax eloquent on Mr. Jinnah's charm and brilliance and his capacity to constitute a nation even if it is all by himself. As for the question of Indian freedom, they will all agree that it should, rather, will have to be given somehow and sometime, but 'Birbal' doubts if any of them will know how and when. The real question, however, is not the 'how' and 'when' but 'can'! Can Britain afford to do without India? No honest person will say she can unless a free India agrees to submit to the present system of economic exploitation. As Arthur Bryant writing in the "Illustrated London News" says, "It is natural that, having so long lived and grown rich (some of us, that is) on selling manufactured goods at a profit to other nations, our politicians of all parties and our economists are unable to conceive of our future in any other terms." It is in fact inconceivable even to an Indian why Britain should starve or lower its standard of living to make India free.

"More Women Please"

The Bombay nominations to the Provincial Legislative Assembly have been announced and so have those of some of the other Provinces. The uniform feature about these nominations is that women have been nominated only for women's constituencies which women consider to be highly unfair. Mrs. Hansa Mehta, President of the All-India Women's Conference, protested very strongly against this attitude of the men at a special press conference and demanded that women be considered along with men for general constituencies as well. Actually when the question of special seats for women was raised the women were against it, but the men deemed it necessary to safeguard themselves by strictly limiting their number, though outwardly they said it was to see that at least some women got in. Anyway the women are not satisfied by being given only the reserved seats. Hansabehen suggested that, for instance, the Bombay Provincial Assembly should have at least half a dozen women members, but 'Birbal' would improve upon it and ask for 50 per cent representation, in fairness to their proportion to the total population. What have the men to say to it?

THIS INDIA: "Grow More Sons"...
..Headline in Orissa newspaper.

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INDIA AND CHINA WILL LEAD ASIATICS

Captain Pocock Visualises Great Eastern Federation

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, FEB. 13: "I THINK GANDHIJI IS PERFECTLY RIGHT WHEN HE SAYS THAT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MUST BE RECONSTITUTED IMMEDIATELY, AND ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INDIAN PEOPLE TO THE CENTRAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD BE CHOSEN BY LORD WAVELL TO CARRY ADMINISTRATION IN YOUR COUNTRY", DECLARED CAPTAIN R. L. V. POCOCK WHO RECENTLY ARRIVED IN LONDON FROM INDIA AFTER SERVING THERE IN ORDNANCE CORPS, AND WHERE HE MADE A LARGE NUMBER OF FRIENDS AMONG THE INDIANS.

BRITISH MUST MAKE WAY

Captain Pocock is of opinion that the British must make way for the Indians to take over the administration of the country; there is no alternative to that. What he had seen during the famine of 1943, has convinced him that if Lord Wavell wants to avoid the impending famine, the only course open for him is to have trusted leaders of the Indian people in his Government. They would succeed eradicating corruption which was so rampant during 1943 food crisis. Captain Pocock said that it is now admitted that in 1943 the Government of India was callous about the fate of millions of Indians who died on the streets of Calcutta. If the same Government continues to be in office for next two or three months, Lord Wavell will find himself almost disappointed man.

WAVELL—A REALIST

Lord Wavell is a realist. He is businesslike and has shown earnestness in his desire to do everything to avoid the forthcoming catastrophe. But, he will fail in his main objective if he allows the administration to be carried on by the present executive councillors, who are there, Pocock said, 'Nam Ke Waste.'

MIGHT OF INDIAN SOLDIERS

Captain Pocock told our correspondent that he was much impressed by the fighting qualities of the Indian soldiers, despite the fact, that he said, all of them were mere mercenaries. The fourteenth army British troops were proud of them. Every one of them, Marathas, Punjabees, Sikhs, South Indians", declared the Captain who paid glowing tributes, specially to the Indian drivers for their terrific dangerous feat of driving for 16 hours a day for 10 consecutive days on precipitous Imphal Road. The Captain said that some of these Indians had only three weeks' training. They showed themselves extremely well when Japanese broke through Kohima.

NO REASON TO WORRY

Captain added, India has no reason to worry about her future defences under Indian National Government. If the present Indian army was properly used it would form a splendid nucleus for the future defence against any aggression, etxernal or internal Captain explained to our correspondent, what he meant by external or internal aggression. He said that while in India he had heard rumours, some of them deliberately spread that when the British will quit India, Nepal may extend her frontiers right to Darjeeling. He had also heard rumours that the Sikhs will try to emancipate themselves." He was told that Mr. Jinnah will create internal disorders.

BRITISH MUST LEAVE

While not prepared to give credence to any of these rumours, the Captain thinks that all that will happen in India when the British will quit, which they must inevitably do, is that India will federate herself in Asiatic Commonwealth. India and China will go hand in hand and will lead the Asiatic countries. Japan too, when she has recovered from her present Imperialistic and Fascist disaster will join this great Asiatic Federation.

ENGLAND VS. INDIA

Jawahar On Lesson Of First I. N. A. Trial

NEW DELHI, Feb. 15 (API): In a foreword to a documented record of the First I.N.A. Trial published by Mr. Moti Ram of Delhi, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru says, "The trial dramatised and gave visible form to the old contest: England versus India .....

Able lawyers conducted the case on either side, and the defence was fortunate in having some of the best legal talents in India: The judges of the Court Martial played a worthy part and the Judge-Advocate delivered a notable summing-up. And, finally, the Commander-in-Chief put the final touches to a historic episode by a decision which showed vision and true judgment.

But the triumph was that of the Indian people as a whole, civil and military, who had pronounced judgment already and their verdict was too powerful to be ignored.

Eighty-eight years ago another trial was held in this Red Fort of Delhi, the trial of the last of a great line. Was this second trial, held in the final weeks of 1945 to mark the end of another chapter? Surely, it is a presage of that end, and those who watched it from day to day, or those who will read about it in the printed page, will sense how that end has drawn near and the page is being turned for us to begin the new chapter.

"But it is not necessary to go to the trial for this. The very air of India is full of that change and turning over into something bright and new, where history can be written by us in a different fashion."

Jawahar On

Why Congress Kept Off Indian Food Delegation

BENARES, Feb. 15 (API): Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, addressing a public meeting of over one lakh of people at the Town Hall grounds last evening, referring to the refusal of the Congress Party to join the Food Delegation proceeding abroad to secure food for India, said: "How can Congress agree to join the delegation which will be headed by an utterly incapable person like Sir J. P. Srivastava who with his actions, has dishonoured the country. The Congress can never join such a delegation but every Indian by frugal consumption should see how best he could save the food for the country."

About the Congress Ministries, Pt. Nehru said: "If Congress Ministries are formed in the Provinces then with the full co-operation of the people some of our present day problems may be solved but none can forget that formation of ministries is not our only aim. We have to see that our progress towards the demand of "Quit India" and independence of the country is steadily maintained. We can co-operate with the Government in formation of Constituent Assembly provided such Assembly has sufficient power to enforce its findings.

ELECTIONS TO MADRAS COUNCIL

MADRAS, Feb. 15 (A.P.I.): A notification has been issued calling upon fifteen constituencies of the Madras Legislative Council including three Muslim and one Indian Christian to elect a member each to fill the existing vacancies which will be caused on March 31 next by the expiry of the term of the office of members. The following are the eleven general constituencies where the election will take place:—Madras city, Vizagapatam (vacant), East Godavari (vacant) West Coast (vacant), Chittoor (vacant), Guntur, Anantapur (vacant), Tanjore, Trichinopoly, Ramnad and Coimbatore-cum-the Nilgiris (vacant).

BANGKOK SILVER MARKET GUTTED

BANGKOK, Feb. 15 (Reuter): At least 1,000 people are homeless and the city's famous Silver Market is completely gutted as a result of disastrous fire at Bangkok last night, the damage being estimated at about half a million sterling.

It is stated one Chinese has been detained by the police.

Aruna Throws Light On Boycott Programme

BOMBAY, Feb. 15 (U.P.I.): Mrs. Aruna Asaf Ali has issued the following statement to the Press:

"There are certain points in the Press report of my speech of yesterday which have not been brought out in their correct sequence

"The reference to the boycott programme and its concomittent effects on the Congress Constructive Programme needs a comment. I said that in the course of my ten days' tour, I have found that the average Congressman was dissatisfied with it because, firstly, it is not presented in a way which can help him to express that militant urge in him which Quit India represents. Secondly, I said that the Constructive Programme has so far not been given the organisational shape it needs for converting it from propaganda to actual day-to-day, concrete, tasks.

"The boycott of British goods, therefore can, in my opinion, give the Congress, if it is worked out in detail the 'raison d'etre' for furthering the Constructive Programme as well as for ending Britain's economic exploitation of India." Mrs. Aruna Asaf Ali met Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel yesterday. It is understood that among other things, the re-organisation of the Congress was an item of discussion.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

The British Parliament, he said, had direct responsibility for the food policy of the Indian Government "I urge upon the Government—and this is not a party question—to face this fact that by far the greatest aspect of this problem is Indian one".

—Mr. Godfrey Nicholson, Conservative M. P., in the Commons.

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"Thirteen year old Sarojini, a Marwari girl, who was watching the disturbed street from the third storey of her house in Girish Park, North Calcutta, was killed by a stray bullet".—A. P. I.

What a remarkable bullet to stray so vertically!

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A note of austerity, we are informed, has been introduced in the Viceroy's House where rice is no longer served at any meal, wheat flour is reduced to one third of normal, no loaves, cakes, biscuits, rolls or toast or butter for lunch, tea or dinner. Lunch is reduced to two courses and dinner cut down to three.

We need not, however, be sorry for those who live for the honour of being invited to lunch or dinner. After all it is the card not the contents of the meal that matters.

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But we ARE sorry for those who, we fear, will simply have to follow the Viceregal lead.

They have all to work so hard, so very very hard which needs energy-restoring calories in thousands and in many varieties to keep body and soul together.

It follows, therefore, that in our view, which we urgently commend, Jawaharlal must immediately be gagged and locked up.

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Sounding a note of warning to his followers at the Cawnpore Railway Station, Mr. Jinnah, according to the A. P. I., said that if they wanted to consummate their cherished goal of Pakistan they would have first to learn the healthy lesson of discipline and order.

But then might not there be a decisively unfortunate delay.

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Recalling at the UNO Assembly that India had, during the war, sent tea, sugar and textiles to Russia and East and West Africa, Sir A. Ramaswamy Mudaliar said: "we turn to Russia, would you not help us, would you not tell us what surpluses you have got?"

What was he driving at?

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M. Trygve Lie, Secretary General of UNO: "we must feel humble in the knowledge that untold millions throughout the world are looking with new hope to this organisation....."

And do "we"?

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In the Security Council, M. Vyshinsky described the Levantine case as similar to that of a "proprietor who asks the court to eject an intruder".

The Persian delegate was, of course, not there, otherwise he wouldn't have dared to say "Hear, hear". He might have been misunderstood.

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CHARTER OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS

The Human Aspect
—Headlines to an article.

Really?

AXIS PARTNERS TO BE KEPT OUT

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15: (Reuter) Japan and Germany will not be invited to compete in the 1948 Olympic games in London, Mr. William May Garland, senior member of the American Olympic Committee said last night.

INDEPENDENCE FOR CAMBODIA WITH FRENCH ADVISERS!

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter): The Paris radio reported today that agreement has been reached between France and Cambodia, whereby the French Protectorate of Cambodia (forming the south-west corner of Indo-China) becomes virtually an independent state within the union of Indo-China and the French Commonwealth.

Under the agreement the post of French Resident in Cambodia has been abolished and France will not participate in the actual governing of the country.

King Sianouk of Cambodia will however, have the services of a French adviser and in rural areas and in Departments of Public Health Agriculture, Forestry and Waterways, French advisers will assist Cambodian Administrators, the radio added.

BULLET WARNING TO CHINESE RED GENERAL

CHUNGKING, Feb. 15 (Reuter): A bullet enclosed in a warning note has been delivered to Gen. Chou Enlai, Chief Communist representative in Chungking it was disclosed here The note was apparently a sequel to the disturbances on last Sunday when a mass meeting held to celebrate the success of the recent truce talks was broken up.

The communist 'China Daily' News' accused "Kuomintang (Central Government Party) "Gestapo agents" of being responsible for the incident." If you want to report the incident to President Chiang Kai-shek, first of all please taste this bullet" the note said. "Our patience is exhausted."

The matter has been reported to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

"Austerity Campaign" In Viceroy's House

Hydari's Mission To Editors' Conference For United Front Against Food Scarcity

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Feb. 15.

Lord Wavell has started an 'austerity drive' in the Viceroy's House. Rice consumption has been reduced to nil, and flour consumption has been reduced to one-third. No bread or cakes or eatables are used at teatime both in the morning and the evening, and the lunch course has been reduced to two, while soup is to be omitted. At dinner time however, are allowed, three-courses including soup. These include fish or meat and pudding.

At Viceroy's house to-day, two provincial Governors held separate discussions with Lord Wavell—Punjab Governor Sir Bertrand Glancy and the United Provinces Governor, Sir Francis Wylie. It is understood that the Viceroy suggested to surplus provinces that rationing should be extended to more areas, that quantum of ration should be reduced further, and efforts should be made to procure as much foodgrains as possible. The Punjab which has undertaken to supply 700,000 tons of wheat for use to the rest of India is yet short by about 200,000 tons, while the United Provinces which ought to have given 200,000 tons wheat, actually got surplus wheat from other provinces. Sind is the only province which is able to give its quota of ten thousand tons of wheat.

Lord Wavell is making a broadcast on Saturday evening appealing for the press and public co-operation for meeting the food crisis. It is believed that he will express appreciation of the co-operation offered by Gandhiji and Mr. Jinnah. It is understood that besides issuing a statement which has been sent to Lord Wavell, Gandhiji has also sent a private letter blessing the efforts of Lord Wavell for success in solving the food crisis.

DEFICIT IN FOODGRAINS

In this connection, it is pertinent to recollect that the average production of India amounts 44 million tons, including ten million tons of wheat, 28 million tons of rice, and six million tons of millets.

During the Bengal famine, shortage was three million tons. The average production in Bengal is ten million tons, but in 1942-43, it came down to seven million tons. The average shortage of foodstuffs in India is believed to be one and half million tons, but during the next year, the deficit will be three million, as Madras and Mysore shortage is estimated to be about ten lakhs, and four lakhs in the Bombay Presidency. It is proposed to cut 25 per cent in rations, but this actually will amount to ten per cent in effect, as according to present calculations, only fifty to seventy per cent holders of ration cards have actually drawn rations. Rationing has been extended to 556 towns in the country, and the Viceroy is asking all provincial Governors to extend rationing to more and more areas. During the year just ended 650,000 tons of wheat and 50,000 tons of rice came from abroad.

Sir Akbar Hydari, Information Member, and Mr. B. R. Sen, Food Secretary are leaving for Allahabad to attend the All-India Editors' Conference with a view to appeal to the press to co-operate in dealing with the food situation.

C. P. Govt. Watching Food Situation

NAGPUR, Feb. 15 (A.P.I.): The C. P. Government are closely examining the food situation in the Province and have, it is learnt, called for detailed information from the districts regarding the winter crops position. It is pointed out that there is no disturbing factor to cause anxiety in any part of the Province.

HONGKONG RICE RATION HALVED

HONGKONG, Feb. 15, (Reuter): Rice ration to the colony's estimated population of 1,000,000 will be halved from Monday owing to serious shortage in supply centres, it is announced.

$120,230 American Relief For India

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14. (U.P.A.): The War Relief Control Board's regular report to-day revealed that Americans contributed dol 120,230 relief for India during the first three quarters of 1945.

The report said dol 80,000 was spent for relief and dol 40,193 was spent on administration and promotion.

It reported that an additional dol 10,769 worth of contributions in kind were shipped to India last year.

I. L. P. WARNING ABOUT INDIAN FAMINE

LONDON, Feb. 15 (U.P.I.): A vigorous call to the nations of the world to take a common action to deal with the present food crisis is made in a statement adopted by the National Council of the I.L.P.

The statement says: "Two million people died of starvation in the Bengal Famine during the war. The Bengal Famine may now become an All-India famine. The mass of the people of India are always semi-starved. During the war, there were large exports of the very foodstuffs which they need in order to service military requirements in the Middle-East. Reserve stocks have been exhausted and there is no margin to meet the lessened production due to droughts. Unless world aid is sent to India tens of millions of people will die.

"Pandit Nehru has warned us of the consequences. Indian masses will revolt if this happens. They will not tolerate in their midst alien occupation which lives well, whilst they starve."

One Killed In Chinese Polish Clash

SINGAPORE, Feb. 15 (Reuter):—One person is reported to have been killed and several injured when the police and Chinese clashed near the Brasbasah road to-day

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SALE OF SEPARATED MILK POWDER

Separated milk powder will be available for domestic consumption in Bombay City and the Suburbs from February 16 from the following authorised distributors. The powder will be sold in 1 lb. and 2 lb. tins on the production of the foodgrains ration card of the head of the family. Not more than 4 lb. can be purchased in one month. The price is Rs. 1-4-0 per 1 lb. tin and Rs. 2-8-0 per 2 lb. tin.

A WARD:—(1) Akbarally Ebrahimji, Cowasji Patel Street: (2) Atlantic Stores, Colaba Causeway.

B WARD:—(1) B. Spencer & Co., Pydhownie; (2) Khoja General Stores, Sandhurst Road East.

G WARD:—(1) Sunshine Restaurant, Thakurdwar Junction.

D WARD:—(1) Sudha Pharmacy, Walkeshwar Road; (2) Popular Pharmacy, Lamington Road; (3) Oriental Stores, Gowalia Tank.

E WARD:—(1) Regal Stores, Palace Talkies Building; (2) Renault Stores and Restaurant, Victoria Gardens Road.

F WARD:—(1) Lal Baug Pharmacy, Sofi Mahal, Lal Baug: (2) South Indian Co-operative Society, Matunga; (3) J. Govind & Co., Furgusson Road.

G WARD:—(1) Amin Brothers, Shaffi Mansion, Lady Jamshedji Road; (2) Popular Stores, New Sewri Road; (3) Robinson & Co., Dadar (B. B. & C. I.).

SANTA CRUZ:—Eastern Stores, Station Road.

KHAR:—Khar Medical Stores, 1st Road.

ANDHERI:—New Railway Restaurant, opp. Andheri Railway Station.

KURLA:— (1) Shah Narsi Dongarsi, opp. Khoja Jametkhana; (2) Kurla Muslim Co-operative Stores, Kadri House

BANDRA:—Bombay Suburban Stores, opp. St. Joseph's Convent, Hill Road.

Cabinet Crisis In Egypt

Nokrashy Pasha's Resignation: Br. Ambassador's Sudden Departure To London

CAIRO, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Nokrashy Pasha, the Egyptian Prime Minister, submitted the resignation of his Cabinet to King Farouk today after a Cabinet meeting lasting two and a half hours.

This move followed the resignation of three Kotla (Independent Wafdist) Ministers from the Cabinet yesterday due to their dissatisfaction with the Government's handling of students demonstrations in Cairo and Alexandria supporting demands for the revision of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty.

In his letter of resignation to the King, Nokrashy Pasha said that his Cabinet had been following the policy incepted by his predecessor, Shamed Maher Pasha, who was assassinated last February and that it had improved the condition of Egyptians and obtained greater international recognition of Egypt, besides getting a reply from Britain to its Note concerning revision of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty.

Martin Herlihy, Reuter's correspondent, states that present indications are that the King will ask Nokrashy Pasha to form another Government.

A CALL FOR ACTION

CAIRO, (Reuter).—"Sons of the Nile Valley' will yield to no oppressor, but will band together to demand their rights, ready to give their lives in the cause of justice."

This is the declaration of the Muslim brotherhood in a manifesto issued to the Egyptian nation, bitterly attacking the Egyptian Note on Treaty revision and the British reply and sounding a call to action.

The Egyptian Note, says the Manifesto, is written in a "begging style," which the British reply ignores the unanimously demands of the Egyptian people.

With the death of the League of Nations, the birth of the United Nations Organisation and the change in the circumstances under which the Treaty was signed, as well as Egypt's contribution to the war effort, the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty of 1936 should be annulled, not revised.

"The Sons of the Nile Valley," warns the manifesto, "are perfectly aware of the way in which the British Ambassador has applied the provision of the Treaty and how he has misinterpreted them in both letter and spirit."

The Muslim Brotherhood, concludes the manifesto, can submit to oppression no longer. "The nation must gird its loins for a long and bitter fight."

BR. AMBASSADOR'S MISSION

CAIRO, (Reuter).—Lord Killearn, British Ambassador in Cairo, left here for London yesterday without previous announcement of his intentions and is to consult with the British Government on the rapidly developing Egyptian political situation.

King Farouk received M. Nokrashy Pasha, Prime Minister, at his palace for a half-hour audience yesterday.

DELHI R. I. A. F. MEN ON STRIKE

NEW DELHI, Feb. 15 (A.P.I.): Between 300 and 400 men of the Royal Indian Air Force, mostly clerks, mechanical transport drivers, telegraphists and so on, stationed at Factory Road, Camp, Delhi, went on strike this morning. They refused to go on duty and refused also to give any explanation of their behaviour.

According to an unconfirmed report the men have insisted on meeting the Inter-services Committee, which is sitting to consider questions of pay and allowances including travelling allowances, terms and conditions of service, etc.

A few R.I.A.F. men at Palam air station have also joined in the strike but the majority of the men there are at work as usual.

Information received at the Headquarters here shows that men at other stations in India are unaffected by the incident in Delhi.

LAHORE STRIKE CALLED OFF

LAHORE, Feb. 15 (A.P.I.): The hunger-strike and work-strike by over 200 members of the Royal Indian Air Force Demobilisation Group No. 2 stationed at Walton, a suburb of Lahore, was called off on Thursday evening after it had continued for four days.

It is learnt that Group Capt. Park commanding the strikers group and Wing Commander S. Mukerji of the A. H. Q., India, had a talk with the strikers last evening and assured them that their grievances would be looked into.

Air Chief Marshall Visits R. I. A. F. Units In Bombay

BOMBAY, Feb. 15, (A.P.A.): Inspector General Air Chief Marshall Sir Arthur Barratt, and his staff of two Air Vice Marshalls have arrived in Bombay from Delhi. They visited the various R.I.A.F. units in Bombay area today.

The visit, it is believed, is in connection with the recent strikes of the men of the R.I.A.F. Camp at Marine Drive and the sympathetic strike of the men of the Andheri camp.

NEW CABINET FOR PERSIA

TEHERAN, Feb. 14. (Reuter): M. Ghavam Sultaneh, The Persian Prime Minister, presented his new cabinet to the Shah this afternoon.

In addition to Premiership M. Ghavam retains the portfolios of foreign affairs and the interior. The new Cabinet does not include members either of the extreme right or the extreme left.

ANGLO-U. S. COMMISSION FOR SIAM RICE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (APA):—An Anglo-American Rice Commission will be established shortly in Bangkok to speed procurement of surplus Siamese rice badly needed by neighbouring countries, reliable British and American officials said to-day.

A British official said the Commission's goal would be to obtain about 800,000 tons of rice for export by mid-April and eventually a total of 1,500,000 tons.

Can't Condone

Acts Flagrantly Abhorrent To Civilized Conduct

Govt. "Communique" On Why Capt. Rashid Was Awarded Seven Years' R. I.

NEW DELHI, Feb. 15 (A.P.I.)—The reasons why it was decided to commute the life sentences passed on Capt. Shah Nawaz and the other two accused in the First I.N.A. Case and award a sentence of seven years' R.I. in Capt. Abdul Rashid's case are set out in a 'communique issued today.

"The Government is within its rights," it declares, "in condoning offences against the State but it cannot, without undermining the very basis of social morality, condone acts flagrantly abhorrent to civilised conduct."

GOVT. POLICY TOWARDS I.N.A.

Following is the text of the 'communique':

The Government of India policy regarding the trial and punishment of members of the I.N.A. was clearly laid down in a Press 'communique' issued on Nov. 30, 1945.

The relevant portions of this 'communique' are reproduced below:

'There is evidence, however, that of these men, a small number have committed acts of gross brutality, resulting in some cases in death, upon their fellow countrymen who were prisoners of war or members of the I.N.A. Crimes of this nature are abhorrent to all civilised people and it would be wrong for the Government to refrain from bringing to trial men against whom there is 'prima facie' evidence that they have committed such offences....

'In reviewing any sentences which may be passed by Courts Martial whether in the present or any future trials the competent authorities will have regard to the extent to which the acts offend against the cannons of civilised behaviour.

This limits the penal liability of the accused to two charges: (a) Acts of gross brutality.' (B) 'Acts offending against the cannons of civilised behaviour.'

'Gross brutality' and 'civilised behaviour' are not technical legal terms and are not capable, therefore, of exact legal definition. They are, however, plain and unambiguous enough as a statement of policy and it is inconceivable that any serious doubt should exist regarding their import or intention.

The scale of punishment recognised by law for major categories of crime is more or less identical in all civilised lands. Wanton cruelty and physical torture are not sanctioned by any legal code in any part of the civilized world.

THE DIFFERENCE

In reviewing the sentences passed in the First and Second completed Court Martial trials of the I.N.A., therefore, the reviewing authority was called upon to decide whether, quite apart from other legal considerations, the offences alleged to have been committed by the accused did or did not constitute:—

(A) Acts of gross brutality. (B) Acts offending against the canons of civilized behaviour.

In the first trial, Capt. Shah Nawaz was found guilty of abetment of murder. The other two accused are found guilty of waging war against the King but were acquitted of the charges of murder and abetment of murder.

In the second trial, Capt. Abdul Rashid was found guilty of five charges. Two among them pertained to acts of gross brutality against Indian prisoners of war. In one case, he himself beat a P.O.W. and on two successive days caused him to be tied above ground-level to the trunk of a tree and left there until he lost consciousness. In the other, he himself beat a P.O.W. with a stick and then caused him to be cruelly beaten and kicked by two other men in his presence.

Capt. Shah Nawaz was alleged to have passed harsh sentences on deserters from his illegally constituted force. It was not contended that he had personally participated in inflicting torture or pain on any of his fellow countrymen. It was also not contended that the punishments sanctioned by him were in excess of those which a legally constituted force might have imposed for similar offences. His offence technically amounted to murder but it obviously did not constitute either, 'gross brutality' or 'uncivilized conduct.'

Equally obviously, the two offences proved against Capt. Abdul Rashid did constitute both 'gross brutality' and 'acts offending against civilized behaviour' even though technically they amounted to no more than 'grievous hurt.' It was, accordingly, decided to commute the life sentences in the first case and in the second case award a sentence of seven years' R.I. Any other decision would have been inconsistent, with the considered Government policy already made public.

CODE OF HUMANE AND CIVILIZED CONDUCT

There is no doubt that in the eyes of the Law, murder or abetment of murder is a more serious offence than grievous hurt irrespective of the brutality or the uncivilised character of either act. It is also true that in the eyes of the Law waging war against the King is as serious an offence as either murder or grievous hurt. Adherence to the letter of the Law, therefore, would have resulted in wholesale punishment of the entire I.N.A. This had been taken into account when Government decided that in view of the very exceptional circumstances of the case, punishment or clemency in these trials should not be governed by the provisions of the legal code but by the dictates of the universally accepted code of humane and civilized conduct.

The Government is within its rights in condoning offences against the State but it cannot, without undermining the very basis of social morality, condone acts flagrantly abhorrent to civilised conduct."

Casey Welcomes Successor

Bengal Governor-Designate Arrives In Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Feb. 15 (A.P.I.)—Sir Frederick and Lady Burrows, accompanied by Lieut.-Col. J. M. Hugo, Miss P. Miller and Captain A. B. Nihill have arrived.

A Royal Air Force "Dakota" brought Bengal's Governor-Designate Sir Frederick Burrows and Lady Burrows to Calcutta this afternoon from Delhi.

His Excellency Mr. R. G. Casey, the retiring Governor, who was present at the aerodrome to receive Sir Frederick, was the first to greet him as he came out of the plane.

Mr. Casey then introduced Sir Frederick Burrows to others present at the aerodrome, including Lt. Gen. Sir Francis Tuker, C.-in-C. Eastern Command, Mr. H. S. E. Stevens, Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Major General F. R. Bucher, Commander, 303 Area, Mr. S. G. Taylor, Inspector-General of Police, Bengal, and Mr. R. E. A. Ray, Commissioner of Police, Calcutta.

NEHRU CONGRATULATES STUDENTS FOR PART PLAYED IN 1942

BENARES, Feb. 14. (A.P.I.): "I have come to congratulate the students of the Benares Hindu University for the part they played in the freedom movement of 1942. This does not mean that I approve of all their deeds but surely I appreciate the vigour and vitality which forced them to join the Auguse Movement," said Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, addressing the students of the Benares Hindu University this morning at the annual function of the Science College.

Advising the students to surpass ordinary standards in all faculties and to be specialised in some subject Pandit Nehru said, the present world is of science, technology and engineering. If our country lags behind in these faculties, we would not be able to carry on.

Pandit Nehru said it was his keen desire to see that India becomes a first rate nation.

Communists Clash With Students

MASULIPATAM, Feb. 15 (UPI):—Several persons received injuries when a clash occurred at a meeting held here to support the Communist Party candidate in the Provincial election.

When Mr. Potharaju, a Communist candidate, was explaining the election manifesto of the party, some members of the Students' Congress sent a list of questions to be answered but the president of the meeting declined to answer them. The Students' Congress members persisted for the replies to the questions whereupon the Communists removed the interruptors out of the premises. When the members of the Students Congress sought to re-enter the Hall, the clash occurred with the above result.

Communists Clash With Villagers

CANNANORE, Feb. 15 (UPI): It is reported that several persons received injuries when a clash took place between a Party of Communists and villagers at Alavil a suburb of Cannanore. Among the injured was Mr. K. P. Gopalan, a Communist candidate who is contesting election to the Provincial Assembly.

The police have registered a case against 22 persons under Sections 143 and 323 I.P.C.

Tariff Board To Take Oral Evidence

NEW DELHI, Feb. 15 (API): The Indian Tariff Board will take oral evidence on the applications regarding the claims of the following industries for assistance or protection on the dates given against them at the office of the Tariff Board, Caltex House, Ballard Estate, Bombay, says a Press Note.

Calcium Chloride February 25, 26; Phosphoric Acid and Phosphates February 28, March 1; Sodium Thisulphate, Sodium Sulphate and Sodium Bisulphite Anhydrous March 4, 5; Grinding Wheels March 12, 14 and Antimony March 19 and 20, 1946.

In addition to the claims from certain industries already referred to the Tariff Board, the Government of India have decided to forward applications received from the following industries, namely:

Glucose, all abrasives other than grinding wheels, hurricane lanterns, cocoa powder and chocolate, aluminium, and preserved fruits, to the board for investigation.

Firm or persons interested in any of these industries or in industries dependent on the use of these articles, who desire that their views should be considered by the Tariff Board, should address their representations to the Secretary to the Board, Caltex House, Ballard Estate, Bombay 1.

NUFFIELD PLANT FOR CALCUTTA

LONDON, Feb. 15 (A.P.A.): Plans for a nuffield automobile manufacturing plant in Calcutta were revealed here today with the arrival of H. T. G. Smith, who brought orders for 750,000 pounds worth of equipment, according to the "Exchange Telegraph."

The equipment will be shipped to Calcutta, where a factory is now under construction for production of "The Hindustan 10", a car designed by Indians for India.

"Quit Levant" Demand Raised In Security Council

Presence Of Anglo-French Troops Is Threat To Order And Security Of Syria And Lebanon

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—The presence of British and French troops in the Levant was assailed as an infringement of sovereignty of two members of the United Nations and a permanent threat to order and security, by M. Hamid Bey Frangie, the Lebanese Foreign Minister, when the United Nations Security Council met in London today to consider the joint Syrian and Lebanese demand for immediate withdrawal of troops from the Levant.

M. Hamid Frangie and M. Faris-al-Khoury, Speaker of the Syrian Parliament, who had taken their seats at the Council Table just before the Council adjourned yesterday, were invited to resume them by Mr. Norman Makin of Australia, President of the Council, when today's session opened at 11-20 a.m. The Joint Levantine letter was the first item on the agenda.

The presence of troops, M. Frangie declared was no longer justified by treaties, agreements, necessities of war or anything else. Since the end of the war with Japan, Syria and the Lebanon had never ceased to make representations for simultaneous withdrawal of troops who were there against the will of the Levant States.

THREAT TO ORDER

"The troops constitute a permanent threat to order and security. Without wishing to rake up past experience, it has been shown that the presence of troops always entails the risk of intervention in domestic affairs."

The Anglo-French Agreement, M. Frangie declared, had made withdrawal subject to conditions inconsistent with the spirit and letter of the United Nations Charter.

"The British authorities in the Levant have always stated their intention of withdrawing British troops when we asked them.

"We ask for a simultaneous withdrawal of all troops. We ask the Security Council to support, without reserve, the principles of the Charter and recommend total, simultaneous and immediate withdrawal of all foreign troops from our territory."

M. Amir Faisal, Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia, was present as a visitor.

ANGLO-FRENCH PACT

M. Faris-al-Khoury, who followed M. Frangie, recalled that the Levantines had welcomed the British and the Free French after it was made clear that the Free French were not to replace Vichy. The Anglo-French Agreement of December 13, he said, was negotiated without the Levantine participation and the Levant Government had asked for an explanation which they did not receive.

The Agreement, he said, made it clear that the foreign armed forces would be maintained for an unspecified time and that the withdrawal was dependent not on a purely technical consideration, but on conditions outside the control of the parties concerned. Decision by the Syrian and Lebanese Governments was ruled out. The forces were intended to guarantee security.

FIX DATE FOR WITHDRAWAL

M. Khoury maintained that both internal and external security were the sole responsibility of the Syrian and Lebanese Governments. Collective security could not be achieved by keeping armed forces on the territory of a small country, a member of the United Nations, against the expressed wishes of that country. "We seek to see that no deviation of the principles of the Charter takes place" M. Khoury declared. He declared that the maintenance of armed forces in the Levant States created a dispute which was already at a stage which made it their duty to bring it before the Council.

He concluded by asking the Council to decide on a simultaneous withdrawal and fix "the maximum date on which it is possible to realise the withdrawal."

Expressing gratitude for the British help, M. Khoury said: "They have saved our country several times from destruction. Had we wished to have a separate withdrawal of troops perhaps, we would have got it from the British Government, but we want the withdrawal to be simultaneous."

FRENCH COMPLAINT

M. Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister, who spoke next, described this as suggesting "discrimination unfavourable to my country" and expressed surprise at the Syrian and Lebanese demand "since the state of war has not yet ended, since peace is not finally established and since the troops of many nationalities are still stationed on the territory of every belligerent country.

After recalling General Charles de Gaulle's proclamation of the Syrian and Lebanese Independence in 1941 and the French intervention to have the Levant States invited to the San Francisco Conference, M. Bidault declared: "The British and French Governments wish to make it clear that they are disposed to proceed forthwith the evacuation of their respective military forces stationed in Syria and the Lebanon by submitting this matter to the Council of the United Nations with a view to making the international arrangements necessary for the maintenance of security in that part of the world."

Nothing has happened, M. Bidault declared, to change the situation since M. Khoury told the Assembly that he hoped the situation would be resolved by the withdrawal of troops in the near future, making it unnecessary to bring the question before the United Nations. "The existing situation in Syria cannot be regarded in good faith as threatening the peace and security," he declared.

CURIOUS CLAIM.

The presence of British and French troops, he said, had preserved the Middle East from the horrors of war for five years. "The claim that some of the troops had been a constant menace to peace and security in this region, according to me, is a very curious one."

The task of bringing Syria and the Lebanon to independence which included responsibility for security had been entrusted to France by the League of Nations, which could not deal with the matter in 1941. France intended to eliminate the last vestiges of the former situation and would ask the United Nations to decide whether particular measures for security were necessary in the region. Britain and France did not interpret the December Agreement as meaning that the troops would stay indefinitely.

M. Bidault concluded by asking the Council "to place their trust in France and Great Britain and be confident that a solution of this problem will be found."

BRITISH CASE

Sir Alexander Cadogan, British Permanent Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, deputising for Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, recalled disturbances of May 1945 when the Syrian Governments asked British troops to intervene to restore order and said the British Government had given the assurance requested by the Levant Government that British troops would not be withdrawn while other foreign troops remained. He did not pretend that the December Agreement was perfect, but it was an attempt to find a way out of the situation which was becoming exasperating to all concerned.

Associating himself with M. Bidault's declaration, he said: "Our desire is to withdraw at the earliest possible moment and be freed of the responsibility incurred while our troops are in the Levant." The Council adjourned until 4 p.m.

Hamid Bey Frangie, the Lebanese Foreign Minister, again pressed for simultaneous unconditional withdrawal of British and French troops from Syria and the Lebanon by a definite date under the supervision of the United Nations Security Council when the Council resumed discussion of the Levant question this afternoon.

Replying to statements made this morning by M. Georges Bidault, the French Foreign Minister, and Sir Alexander Cadogan, British Permanent Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Frangie said that they did not understand M. Bidault's explanation of the Anglo-French Agreement of December 13 and repeated that Security was a matter for local Governments.

"We cannot recognise the right of any other power to be responsible for the security of our territories even for the maintenance of collective security," he declared.

U.N.O. Assembly's Achievements

LONDON, Feb. 15 (APA): Delegates to the first General Assembly of the United Nations turned homeward today. The Assembly stands adjourned until September when it meets in New York City. The first Assembly adjourned early Friday on a note of optimism for world peace and security, delegates agreeing that in five weeks the United Nations had more closely approached success than the League of Nations during its whole turbulent career.

The New Peace Agency had, in its short term,

1. Handled three international disputes involving big and small powers—Iran Greece and Indonesia;
2. Established a commission to formulate controls for atomic energy;
3. Declared war on starvation and pledged resources to avert a threatened world famine;
4. Launched a new era of open diplomacy, sounding the death-knell of secret diplomacy that brought about the failure of the League of Nations;
5. Set up a 11-Power Security Council to handle disputes and situations threatening world security and peace;
6. Moved the World Capital from Europe to the United States, with the temporary headquarters in New York City and the permanent seat nearby; and
7. Founded the first labour policies of the Organisation by admitting the World Federation of Trade Unions and the American Federation of Labour as United Nations consultants.

Pearl Buck,

The Nobel Prize Winner, Writes for the Bombay Chronicle Weekly. The first of a series of her articles will appear next Sunday.

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"Ameeree" Bears Lofty Message

Stirring Indictment Of Social Evils Of Poverty, Squalor And Ignorance

Review By "Sardi"

Screen surgery—that is the aptest description I can find for Associated Pictures' "Ameeree", for it cuts open, before our horrified gaze, a long-festering sore and exposes the filth of poverty, squalor and ignorance to all of which we of this country seem so accustomed that we walk, blindfolded, through these shocking evils that exist in our midst. But when the bandage is removed, we are awakened, with a rude jolt, from our smug complacency.

"Ameeree" tells a simple tale. It moves at a pace so leisurely that it is apt to drag at times. It is inclined to belabour the obvious by its repeated shots contrasting the misery of the lowly with the luxury of the high-placed. All the same, it drives home its main point forcibly, thus fulfilling the purpose for which it was made.

THE STORY

Ashok, the scion of a wealthy Bengali family and a doctor to boot, is awakened from lethargic indifference to active benevolence towards Calcutta's 'bastee' dwellers when he witnesses an accident to a street urchin whose cure he undertakes. The truth that Christ voiced—"The poor have ye always with you—comes home to him and he sets about ameliorating the lot of his humble neighbours, teaching them habits of cleanliness and discipline.

But Ashok's family and friends smug and comfortable in their wealth, disapprove of his charitable work, especially as they suspect the street urchin's sister to be his 'amourense'. Dolly, a girl of his own social standing, weans him away from his new-found work. Smallpox breaks out in the 'bastee' area, and Ashok arrives too late to save the little lad's life. The boy has died clutching a fountain-pen Ashok had given him.

Only a fountain-pen—but for Ashok it becomes a symbol of service to the poor. He opens a hospital with the boy's sister to help him. Finally, he gives his life while attending cholera cases, becoming a victm himself.

But he is not dead....His poor friends and his rich family alike, have caught a spark from the torch he lit. Through them he lives, his message of love and devotion for the poor, engraved deeply in their hearts—he lives to make, let us hope, a better world....

POIGNANT TOUCHES

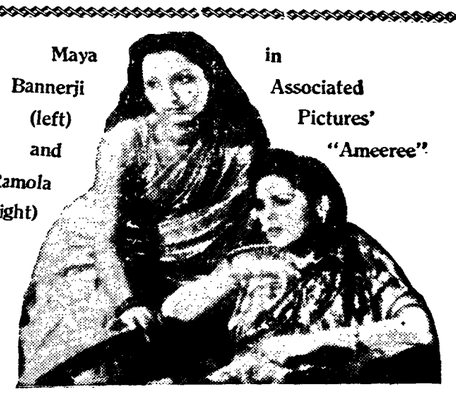
There are many simple and poignant touches in the film: the death of the boy, his feeble hand clutching the pen; the passage of words between the boy's sister, humble yet self-respecting, and Ashok's haughty mother; the scenes of abject poverty on the one hand, and over-bearing opulence on the other, well, though perhaps too frequently contrasted; and, in the end, the death of Ashok himself. All these incidents bear the typical Barua stamp.

BARUA plays his role in a minor key so that his personality does not dominate the narrative—which is all to the good of the story. JAMUNA conducts herself as ever before—with the typical Jamuna dignity and hauteur.

For me RAMOLA, in the role of the frivolous Dolly who comes to her senses only at the end, was a revealation. I was surprised and pleased to observe that she could play with as much reserve as, formerly, we have seen her act with reckless abandon. In the part of her friend, Maya Bannerjee was very adequate.

When all is said and done—when we have noted the praise this picture has culled from political leaders of the stature of Nehru and Bose,—when we have dissected the film's technicalities, its somewhat slow tempo, the clever and restrained acting of the cast, the touching moments in which it abounds—one fact arises clearly above all others: Here is a picture with a mighty message: Service above self for others less fortunate than ourselves. We leave this picture with a strong desire to improve a society that is based on the comfort and well-being of a few and the poverty, ignorance and misery of the many.

HAMARA SCREEN



Maya Bannerji (left) and Ramola (right) in Associated Pictures' "Ameeree"

Jamuna and Barua in the final death scene from Ameeree

LATEST RELEASE

PREMIERE OF "GOUR"

Today will see the release of Ranjit's social, "Gouri". It is described, in advance reports, as a film that vibrates with emotion. It contains a galaxy of stars: Prithviraj, Shamim Monica, Rajkumari Shukla, and Rajendra.

The music of "Gouri" was prepared by Khemchan Prakash, while Kidar Sharma directed the picture.

Considering its imposing list of players, one may expect great things from this new Ranjit release.

CURRENT PHOTOPLAYS

Krishna: 2nd Week

CAREER GIRL

Navyug's DIN-RAAT is the story of a modern marriage wherein both the husband and the wife pursue separate careers. But the male half of the team resents the female half's independence and believes that he alone should be the breadwinner. Innumerable complications ensue when the doctor-wife is called away, day and night, on her professional rounds.

Snehprabha and Paresh Bannerji play the young couple caught in this maelstrom of a modern marriage. "Din Raat" was directed by Shorey Daulatalvi and comes from the pen of Roy Kinikar.

Kamal Talkies: 2nd Week

KARDAR SOCIAL

Shamim returns to the screen, after a long absence, to play the lead in Kardar Productions' SANYASI which is described as a 'clean and entertaining social.' In support of Shamim are to be found Gulam Mohmad, Misra, Sakir and Amar. "Sanyasi" contains the lyrics of Pt. Madhur and the music of Naushad. It was directed by Kardar, and is a Sunrich release.

Taj Talkies: 3rd Week

PATERNAL LOVE

Maheswari Pictures' social tells of a father's devotion to his daughter for whom he sacrifices his own happiness.

Stage life is the background for this film. Thus there is a liberal sprinkling of music, song and dance.

The main roles are played by Smriti and Najam with Arun, Pran and Gyani in support. The music in "Ragni" is by Amarnath.

Royal Opera House: 6th Week

RANJIT DEVOTIONAL

PRABHU-KA-GHAR with Khurshid and Trilok Kapoor in the lead, narrates the story of a murderer who seeks refuge on a farm. The love and devotion of a village girl, move him to repentance of his ways, and he turns over a new leaf.

This film contains many religious melodies and will appeal greatly to those who appreciate devotional themes. Vajahat Mirza wielded the megaphone.

'CHINESE, NO LONGER SLAVES & BASTS OF BURDEN'

SHANGHAI, Feb. 15 (A.P.A.): Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek on Thursday declared that, with extra-territoriality abolished, "we no longer have to live as slaves and beasts of urden".

In an addrs to 500,000 people at the Shangai race-course, he said, "We ar free and independent. I retur to you the responsibility of pserving those sovereign rights for ever."

AHMEDABAD MILL DISPUTE SETTLED

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 14.

The dispute between the Mill-owners' association and the Majur Mahajan regarding bonus to be paid to millhands for the year 1945 has been amicably settled without reference to arbitration of the Industrial Court. It has been officially declared by the Majur Mahajan that according to settlement 20 per cent bonus on income of a mill hand during 1946 will be paid from April 1946. Those who are entitled to get the bonus according to this settlement shall have to apply up to June 30 1945. Thus nearly 1,30,000 mill hands of the city will receive bonus.

According to the news received here mill hands in Baroda State have also demanded bonus on the Ahmedabad scale.

ALLAHBUX MURDER ECHO

KARACHI, Feb. 15, (A. P. I): Khan Bahadur M. A. Khuhro, Revenue Minister, told pressmen that he has been summoned to appear as defence witness in the case against Mohabat Jehan, the leader of the Hur gang responsible for the murder of the late Mr Allahbux, who is standing his trial before the Special Tribunal at Sukkur. Khan Bahadur Khuhro said that he would appear in the court on February 27.

Miss Shireen Talati's Pianoforte Recital

A new-comer to Bombay, Miss Shireen Talati, a talented young pianist, gave a delightful recital at the Sunderabai Hall on Friday evening. After studying music over an extensive period in England she went to China where she gave some very successful recitals.

The programme of the evening was not very varied, but she did ample justice to the restricted composers selected. Grieg's Sonata in E minor, the main item on the programme, filled the first half of it. She played it with great feeling, though a good bit of the robust ruggedness of the composer was subdued by the soft tone of the piano.

It was a delight to listen to her rendering of Chopin played with sympathy and feeling without that excessive emphasis on technique which often detracts from the real effect of his compositions by turning them into exhibition pieces and mars their emotional effects.

The "Seguidillas" of Albeniz gave Miss Talati an opportunity of showing her polished technique, and was excellently rendered, as was also the "Rhapsodie No. 12" of Liszt; a piano with ampler tone and volume would have provided the soloist with greater opportunities and scope.

She deserved the hearty applause given to her, and will make a welcome addition to the rather lean circle of good virtuosos in Bombay.

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Wall Street Market Firm On Hopes Of Strike Settlements

ACTIVE TRADE AND MILL BUYING PUSH UP COTTON PRICES OVER 26 CENTS LEVEL

NEW YORK, Feb 14.

Wall Street opened irregular and moderately active. Rallied sharply. Most stocks retrived fractions to more than 2 points of their recent losses. Motors steels and liquors were in demand, evidently in continuation of the idea that the list may have been ever sold together with cleared labour situation Gains were maintained towards noon with broadening activity. Despite profit taking, rallies during the afternoon from one to three dollars were maintained towards the close The star performers were steels, motors liquors, rails, rubbers, mines and specialities with sentiment generally aided by hopes that the new wage price formula would bring strike settlements. Liquors probably were aided by the estimate that distillers seagrams earnings for the six months ending January 31 1946, were expected to be in excess of seven dollars per share compared with 5.16 for the same period of 1945. The session closed firm.

American Telephone 192_1/2 (192), Amerex Corpn 37_3/4 (37_1/2), Anaconda Copper 49 (47_3/4), Chase National 43-1/4 (43_3/8) Sinclair Oil 19 (18_7/8), Firestone Tyre 76-1/2 (76), General Electric 49_1/2 (50), General Motors 75_7/8 (75-1/4), Ingersol Rand 135_1/2 (137_3/4). International Nickel 40_3/4 (41). National City Bank of New York 47-1/2 (47_3/4), New York Central 31_7/8 (31_3/8), Socony Vacuum Corpn. 16_5/8 Ex. Div. (17), Texas Corpn. 56_1/2 (56), Union Carbon 106_1/2 (106), U. S. Smelting 80 (79), U. S. Steel Corpn. 93_1/4 (91_3/8), Western Union Telegraph 51-1/2 (50-7/8).

RISE IN COTTON

New York Cotton market opened irregular. Irregularity continued during early part of the morning session but prices began to advance steadily at about 11 a.m. All near months were selling above 26 cents levels. Sharp advance in all positions was attributed to increased trade and Mill buying and replacement buying by bulls to cover their recent sellings with contracts in short supply. Renewal of inflationary ideas and reports of substantial British enquiries for May delivery and talk of other credit grants along with increasing attention on unfavourable weather news from over the cotton belt were other influencing factors. The market at noon was firm. During the afternon additional gains were recorded mostly in far distant positions with buying associated with vague rumours of possible further shakeups in Washington and more lenient wage price policies. Increased realising and hedging combined with technical considerations caused prices to decline slightly but the market steadied on renewal of trade support and closed steady. Sales 235,000 bales.

CHICAGO GRAINS MARKET.

Chicago grains: May rye fluctuated fractionally. Early advance of more than two cents was at tributed to firmness of the cotton market and the stock exchange and also to the possibilities that the office of price administration ceilings may be revised upwards. Later the market encountered considerable profit_taking. However continued strength of Winnipeg market encouraged renewed support. Other grains were quiet but firm.

May 1.80-1/2 bid (1.80_1/2 bi).
July 1.80_1/2 bid (1.80_1/2 bid).
September 1.80_1/2 bid (1.80-1/2 bid).

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Feb. 14.

March	25.94+06
May	26.01+06
July	26.05+13
October	25.89+14
December	25.95+24
January	25.94+25
March	25.92+27
Middling Spot	26.63+07

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

March	26.03+04
May	26.04+08
July	26.08+15
October	25.99+17
December	25.96+20
Middling Spot	25.70+05

NEW YORK COTTON, NOON CALL.

March	25.99
May	26.06
July	26.10

LONDON BULLION.

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).

Spot 44d. Forward 44d. Gold Bars Fine per oz. £8/12/3.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Feb. 14.

T. T. London on:—

New York sellers 4.02_1/2 buyers 4.03_1/2, Madrid official 44.00 Montreal sellers 4.43 buyers 4.45, Zurich sellers 17.3 buyers 17.4, Stockholm sellers 16.85, buyers 16.95

LONDON WHEAT.

London, Feb. 14.

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe (new crop) unoffered, Australian Wheat (bulk) 64/6 quoted Feb._March. Australian Wheat (bags) unoffered.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, Feb. 14.

	£
Rupee Paper 3-1/2 p c	75_1/4
Consols 2_1/2 p c	92_1/2
Conversion Loan 3_1/2 p c 1961	109_3/8
War Loan 3-1/2 p c	105
Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90	115_7/8
Victory Bonds 4 p c	114_5/8
Chartered Bank of I. A. and China	10_11/16
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (Londou Reg.)	86 1/2
National Bank of India	39 1/4

N. Y. SILVER.

New York Feb. 14.

United States price of Foreign Silver 71.1 cents.

New York buying price 70_3/4 cents.

WORTH STREET STANDING AT STANDSTILL.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14, (U. P. A.): The issuance of the new Government directive involving forty million yards of square print clothes brought trading in "free" goods to a standstill on the Worth Street Cotton Cloth Market today.

CALICUT QUOTATIONS.

CALICUT Feb. 15.

Cocoanuts Raw 155, Dry 140, Cocoanut Oil 560, Copra Office 365, Dilpasand 387/8, Madrasnottam 452/8, Good-goods 375, Pepper Wynaat 390, Country 375, Dry Ginger Chernad 350, Ernad 335, Coffee Robusta 85.

HAPUR MARKET.

HAPUR, Feb. 15.

Silver 147/5, Touched 146/14, Last Night Gold 91, Market quiet Guwar 8/7, Baishak 8/1/4_1/2, Very quiet on profit covering liquidations Bardana Md. 56 DW 60/8, Chet 54/12, Asuj 54, Spot Wheat unquoted stock control Government owned 70, Trade nil Peas 10/8, Bajra 11/4, Maize 11/14, Guwar 10/12 Steady Arhar 9/8, Old 9 Urad 15, Moong 11/13 Stock Arhar 10, Khattis Gur 10/10, Jaggery Powder 11/8, Cottonseed 11/12, Seeds unchanged, weather clear.

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Bhopal's Warning To Indian Princes

Tells Them Not To Be Unreasonable Towards Attachment Scheme

BOMBAY, Feb. 15 (A.P.I.): A note of caution to the Rulers of small states of Kathiawar who have been deliberating in Bombay for the past few days, against adopting "unreasonable attitude" to the scheme of attachment has been sounded, the Associated Press of India understands, by the Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes in his message to them.

The message of the Chancellor which was conveyed to the Rulers yesterday by Mir Maqbool Mahmud, Director of the Chamber of Princes is likely to assist them in coming to an early decision on the subject.

FULL SYMPATHY ASSURED

The Associated Press of India, understands, that while assuring the States concerned of the fullest possible sympathy and support, the Chancellor in his message impressed on them the delicacy and urgency of the situation. He has suggested that, while clarifications may be sought on the points of doubts or difficulty in regard to the bilateral agreement now proposed by the Crown Department, it would be harmful to these states if they took any attitude at this juncture which may savour of unreasonableness or drift or defiance.

The decision in the matter primarily lay with the members concerned, but the Chamber of Princes had also included this subject in the agenda of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Chamber to be held in the middle of March.

The Chancellor, in his message, expressed the hope it is learnt, that nothing would be done in the meantime to any of the parties concerned, which may stand in the way of securing the requisite clarification which may help towards a solution founded on consent.

The Chancellor felt it his duty, it is gathered from informed circles, to impress on the states concerned the seriousness of the situation, so that they may take a reasonable decision after full consideration of all aspects of the question.

Non-Salute Rulers Discuss Merger Plan

BOMBAY, Feb. 15. (A.P.I.): Rulers of non-salute States of Kathiawar who met here to-day to discuss the Attachment Scheme have decided to request the Political Department for extension of time by one month to enable them to reach a decision. Dr. M. R. Jayakar, Legal Adviser to the Rulers, was present at the meeting.

The rulers welcomed the gesture of the Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes conveyed in his message to them and have communicated to him their conclusions reached to-day. They have also decided to request the Political Department not to take any drastic action till final decisions were reached by them on the question as they were anxious to arrive at an amicable and honourable settlement.

The rulers feel, it is learnt, that with the help of the Standing Committee of the Chamber of Princes, which had included the subject of attachment in its agenda for the meeting in March, the question can be satisfactorily settled. They hope that the resident of Kathiawar States will not precipitate matters by taking any drastic step.

A spokesman of the group of the States told the "Associated Press of India" that the impression created by reports in a section of the Press saying that the present bilateral agreement was evolved after negotiations was wrong. The present document is the second Instrument of Attachment cast into a bilateral agreement without any changes in content.

He regretted that all their request for being allowed either to group amongst themselves or with other States of Kathiawar had been rejected by the authorities. The rulers feel that had either of these two proposals been accepted, the present deadlock would never have arisen.

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, Feb. 15.

The Bullion market was again quiet on increased selling pressure influenced by absence of demand in the spot market.

Forward silver opened at Rs. 147 and improved to Rs. 147/6 under scattered buying but renewed selling appeared and silver declined to Rs. 146/12 and steadied at Rs. 146/14. Ready gold was quoted at Rs. 90/4.

The market finally closed as under:

	Rs.	as.	p.
Ready Gold	91	0	0
Sovereigns	64	4	0
Ready Silver	146	12	0
Forward Silver	146	12	0

TO ENSURE LASTING PEACE

Women To Replace Men In International Diplomacy?

LONDON, Feb. 14 (U.P.I.): The view that where big international diplomats have failed women may succeed, is held by many delegates who are now in London in connection with the U.N.O. meeting. It appears in this connection the question of appointment of women in ambassadorial positions in many foreign countries is receiving serious considerations and Mrs. Roosevelt in numerous public and private meetings is stressing this point.

According to a report just received by the Australian Delegation in London, Mrs. Jessie Street, a leading figure in the Australian Party, is expected to be Australia's next Minister to Russia. She will succeed Mr. Moloney, who is returning home after two years.

Mrs. Street is President of the Australian-Russian Society and was one of the official Australian advisers at San Francisco last year, after which she visited Britain and Russia.

WOMEN IN INDUSTRIES

B. P. W. C.'s Timely Lead

On the occasion of its twenty-seventh annual general meeting, the Bombay Presidency Women's Council has done well to organise a four-days' Conference of Women in Industries, Trades and Professions.

The various branches of works in which women are actually employed and a numerous others in which women can make a valuable contribution, have been divided roughly under four heads, Education, Medical and Health Services, New Careers and Industries. Eminent women (and also a few men) like Miss Amy Rustomji, Dr. Miss Jirad, Mrs. Mehta, Drs. Yodh and B. C. Das Gupta will speak with authority on their special subjects, while a number of women speakers will have something interesting to say about the professions in which they are working.

In view of the impending and many-sided post-war reconstruction, in which the woman's role will have to be readjusted, if the nation is to rise to its full stature, the importance of such a conference is great. The discussions will indicate which way the wind is blowing in women's world. Moreover, their experience of work will bring before the public the actual conditions (social as well as professional) under which women have to work.

Of course it must be owned that our women have not been obstructed by men whenever they showed a desire to come forward in public life and there are a few professions in which entry is denied on the mere ground of sex. However, with large-scale unemployment threatening the country, and the consequent competition, the fears that they may not get a fair deal from the men employers is quite natural on the part of women. There is no doubt, therefore, that the Conference will serve as a proper channel to voice the views and consolidate the demands of women.

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The opening session of the Conference begins at 5 p.m. on Sunday, the 17th, while on the following three days there will be two morning and afternoon sessions. Education will be taken up for discussion during the morning session on the 18th while New Careers For Women will be taken up in the afternoon and morning sessions on 18th and 19th Medical and Health Services and Women In Industries will be discussed during the afternoon sessions on the 19th and 20th, the last day of the Conference. The annual general meeting of the B.P.W.C. will be held in the morning on the 19th and 20th.

An exhibition and sale of women's handwork is also being arranged at the same place from the 21st to 25th.

L. J.

THREE LEAGUERS ON TRIAL IN DELHI

DELHI, Feb 15 (A. P. I.): Charges were framed yesterday against three Muslim Leaguers and a Communist in the court of Mr. F. D. H. Teal, Additional District Magistrate for taking out a procession without a permit on February 11.

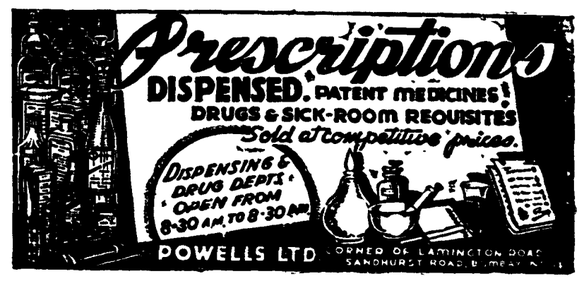
Babu Ismail Mohammed Rafi Kalia and Master Ferozuddin in their statement said that the Muslim League did not organise any procession and the programme notified to the public through posters made no mention of it.

Mohammed Yamin in his statement claimed that as a member of the Communist Party which stood for the release of all I. N. A. men he was at liberty to join any procession taken out in that connection.

Further hearing was postponed till to-day.

GUJARAT POSTMEN TO STRIKE

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 15. (A.P.I.): The Gujarat Postmen Union has given a notice of strike from 12th March if their demands for dearness allowance etc. are not satisfactorily solved. The Union has also demanded to call upon Postmen to put badges of "hungry postmen" from 15th to 23rd instant.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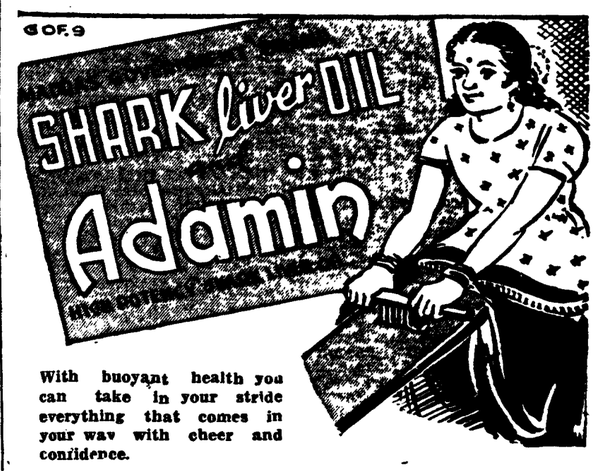

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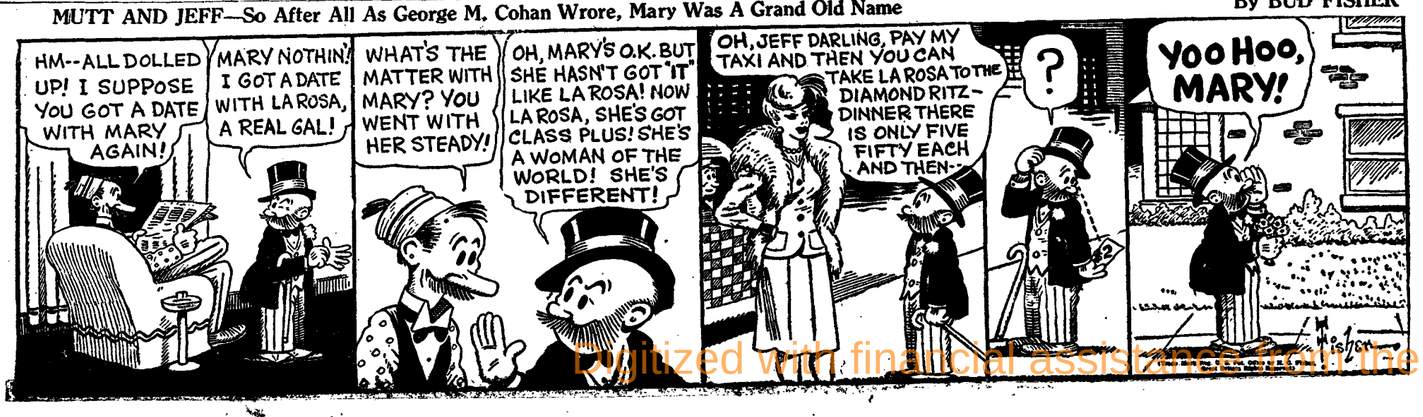
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Wanted a well educated Gujarati knowing experienced typist graduates having experience in business line preferred. Apply Metal Exchange Association Ltd., 42, 2nd Bholwada Lane, Bombay 2. (876)

Wanted a qualified Gujrati knowing companion to coach up specially in higher English. Apply Box No. 853 C/o. "Bombay Chronicle".

Bengal Textiles Association—Applications are invited for two posts of Deputy Managers. Minimum salary Rs. 1,500/- p.m. Persons with a sound knowledge of commercial accounts (particularly Storage) and extensive administrative experience and ability should apply to the General Manager, Bengal Textiles Association, 22, Chittaranjan Avenue, by the 20th February, 1946. 844

Experienced shorthand-typist can undertake typecopying work only on piecework or hours basis in your office charges moderate. Apply Box No. 871 "Bombay Chronicle".

If you want any kind of employment in India or abroad apply (stating qualifications) for our "Terms". Hastings & Co., Employment Agents, Cloth Market, Delhi. 898

Wanted experienced and qualified D.C.E., B.E. or L.S.E., building Supervisors for Contractor's Firm. Apply with testimonials, experience and salary expected to Box No. 901, "Bombay Chronicle".

EDUCATIONAL ADLETS

Alexandra Commercial College: A Proud Record of 41 years. Specialised training offered for lucrative professions of Cost Accountants, Secretaries, Accountants. Brilliant successes achieved every year. Prospect Chambers, Hornby Road. 6597

Fresh term commenced for Senior Cambridge Examination Non-Matriculates eligible. Mathematics, Second language omissible Oral, Postal training, evening classes Prospectus from Bombay Tutorial College. Opposite Jer Mahal, Dhobitalao. 758

Admission-Davar's College of Commerce-Professional and Commerce Diploma Courses suitable for Graduates, Undergraduates and others. Tuition personal or through post. Call or write for enrolment. 51, Esplanade Road. 892

Matriculation for 'Success Series' free. Write to J. P. Acharya, Success Course, Visnagar (N.G.). 579

Homoeopathy: Best correspondence course in India. Easily learned. Easily practised. Scholarships to deserving. For further particulars see Grace Medical Mission Advertisement in this issue on Page 2. (6603)

FINANCIAL

Experienced Advertisement Production man contemplating further training abroad desires to contact reputable firm interested in project—part finance and/or facilities for study against service contract and security. Please write to Box No. 902, "Bombay Chronicle."

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF DISPOSALS

(Directorate of Surplus Textile & Leather)

DISPOSAL OF GLARE GLASSES

TENDERS ARE INVITED for the purchase of the following store available at Cawnpore:—

MASK EYE ..... 50,000 Prs. (Ordinary glare glasses with elastic strap in tin cases).

2. CONDITIONS OF SALE:

(a) The goods will be sold without guarantee of their condition and subject to the conditions of the contract laid down in form condition 117 which can be seen at the offices of the Director of Disposals (Surplus Textiles & Leather), New Delhi, or the Regional Commissioners for Disposals at Cawnpore, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Deputy Regional Commissioners of Disposals, Karachi and Lahore.

(b) Delivery of the store will be ex-site and removal should be completed within 15 days from the date of issue of acceptance letter from this office.

3 ENQUIRIES:

Permits to inspect the stock at site may be obtained from any of the offices mentioned in para 2 (a) above, where sample can also be seen.

SUBMISSION OF OFFERS:

(a) Offers in tenderer's own form in a sealed cover superscribed "TENDER NO. DGD/SR-3194/TEX" with a deposit at call receipt for Rs. 500/- as earnest money in the Imperial or Reserve Bank of India or a Government Treasury in favour of Director of Disposals, New Delhi should reach him by 4 P.M. ON 22-2-46. Offers should remain open till 5-3-46.

(b) Tenderers are at liberty to quote for the entire quantity or a portion thereof, and rates should be quoted per pair of MASK EYE.

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G. I. P. RAILWAY

ALTERATION IN THE WHARFAGE RATE AND FREE TIME AT KURDUWADI

With effect from 1st March 1946 the rate of wharfage on all inward goods at Kurduwadi will be enhanced from two pies per maund or part of a maund per day or part of a day to six pies per maund or part of a maund per day or part of a day.

On and from the same date viz., 1st March 1946 the free time at Kurduwadi will be reduced to 2 days including the day of arrival of the goods.

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AGENTS WANTED

Wanted:— Agents for sale of our high quality cigarettes and pipe tobacco in every city and town. Write for samples and agency terms Oriental Tobacco Co., Cawnpore. 6649

Wanted Agents and Stockists for our Horn and Pearl Buttons. J. Smith & Co., Baraikhali, (Dacca) Bengal. (689)

Wanted Purchasers of our Tower Brand Bar Soap, cubes, Cash, write to the Baku Soap Works, Matunga, Bombay 19. (9149)

Wanted Agents for the sale of Photo reproductions mounted on marble on salary or commission. Apply for terms and conditions and samples to Proprietress, S. Mackaden & Co., Tellicherry, N. Malabar District. 897

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Tutor B.A. gives tuitions IV to VI Forms. Accommodation required with student. For terms apply at once Box No. 894, "Bombay Chronicle."

FLATS WANTED

Wanted a Bungalow or a Flat in Bombay or Suburbs. Apply Telephone No. 20402 between 12 noon and 2 P.M. 884

HOTELS (IN HILL STATION)

Deolali Grand Hotel Good Rooms available with Baths. Terms Moderate. Apply Manager (477)

PARTNERS WANTED

Wanted Partner with or without facilities to transact buying and shipping for overseas to invest upto Rs. 40,000/- in lucrative business. Write Box No. 861 "Bombay Chronicle".

Wanted Financing Partner in an Established Ladies Handbags Factory and for Import Export Business. Apply Box No. 890 "Bombay Chronicle".

MACHINERIES WANTED

Wanted:—High Pressure Gas Storage tanks 8'-10' Diameter and 25'-30' length. Apply Box No. 6286A "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted: Lancashire, Boiler 38' x 8' and 180 lb Pressure. Apply Box No. 6286, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted Secondhand or reconditioned Typewriter Remington No. 12/16 Brief or Foolscap. Contact Box No. 887, "Bombay Chronicle."

MISCELLANEOUS WANTED

Wanted Suppliers of Manure such as Bone Meal, Fish Meal, Groundnut Cake etc. Write immediately with full particulars to—The Gugan Import-Export (Ceylon) Co., P. O. Box No. 389. Colombo. (6703)

MEDICAL ADLETS

Norman's Embrocation Cures Rheumatism, Lumbago, Sciatica, Sprains, Strains, Stiffness, joint and muscular aches. Obtainable at all chemists, and Norman and Laurie, "Woodland," Mahim. 792

PROPERTIES FOR SALE.

For sale one building near Falkland Road junction and one bungalow near Malad Station. Good opportunity for investors. Only purchasers should apply Box No. 854 "Bombay Chronicle".

PUBLIC NOTICES

REGIONAL DISPOSALS COMMISSIONER, SOUTHERN CIRCLE, BOMBAY

INVITES TENDERS for purchase and removal of the following materials lying at 4 B.S.D., R.A.F., SION,

Steel Turning gear 12½ tons approximately.
Brass Turning gear 2½ tons approximately.
Steel Head Frame 2½ tons (in 10 crates).
Steel Cantle Lever 9½ tons (10 crates).
Steel Netting 4 tons (in 10 crates).
Steel Beams Angle Iron 3½ tons (in 10 crates).
Steel Frames 7½ tons (in 10 crates).

The materials can be inspected at site on permits to be issued by this office. Offers in tenderers own form in double covers, inner being sealed and superscribed "Tender No. RCS|MPD|3895 and due date, should reach Phoenix Building, Graham Road, Ballard Estate, not later than 4 p. m. on 20th February, 1946 and remain open upto 15th March, 1946.

Earnest Money, which is refundable to unsuccessful tenderers, for 10% of the value of the offer, in Imperial or Reserve Bank of India, or Government of India Treasury receipt in favour of Regional Disposals Commissioner, Southern Circle, deposited under Head of Account "Revenue Deposit", must accompany the tender.

Sale is subject to Conditions of Contract Con. 117 copy obtainable at this office and is without guarantee of Condition or quantity.

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BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that notice has been given, under Section 36(n) of the Municipal Act, for motion to the following effect being placed before the Corporation when the Budget Estimates for the year 1946-47 are discussed:— 13. By Mr. B. J. Deorukhkar—For increasing the provision made in the Budget Estimates under XXII.—Revision of grades and service conditions, etc., of the staff from Rs. 15 lakhs to Rs. 20 lakhs.

By Order of His Worship the Mayor,
B. V. MODY,
Municipal Secretary.
Municipal Corporation Office, Bombay, 14th February, 1946.

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NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of a CURATOR (Fisheries). Salary Scale: Rs. 170-10-250-E. B.-15-400-E. B.-20-500 plus C.L.A. Higher starting salary will be considered in deserving cases. Post temporary in the first instance but likely to be made permanent. Candidates should possess good research degree in Zoology and experience of independent research work. Age limit 35 years. Applications with copies of certificates of age, domicile, academic qualifications and research experience should reach the DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES, Old Custom House Yard, Fort, Bombay, not later than 28th February, 1946.

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OFFICIAL TRUSTEE, BOMBAY

THE OFFICIAL TRUSTEE, Bombay, acts as Trustee of Trust-deeds or Settlements, as Sole Executor and Trustee under Wills, as trustee in place of a trustee or trustees desirous of retiring, of the share or legacy of a minor or a lunatic, as trustee of the funds of charitable and philanthropic associations and caste institutions, of provident funds and funds of insurance companies, and of endowment funds for awarding scholarships to students.

The Office of the Official Trustee was created by the Government of India in the year 1843. The Official Trustee is a corporation sole with Government guarantee under the Official Trustee's Act. Trusts are administered with integrity, impartiality, secrecy and at a moderate cost.

The Official Trustee is now administering about 613 trusts of the approximate value of Rs. 32½ crores.

The Official pamphlet containing information about the Official Trustee's Office can be obtained free on application.

LEO RODRIGUES,
Official Trustee, Bombay,
High Court Extension,
Fort, BOMBAY.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SCHEDULED CASTE CANDIDATES.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the award of the Government of India Scholarships for 1946-47 to students belonging to the scheduled Castes in British India who wish to pursue their studies in Scientific, Technological and Professional Subjects, including short period stipends for shorthand and typewriting, beyond the Matriculation stage. These scholarships are tenable for studies in India only. NO SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDIES ABROAD WILL BE AWARDED BY THE BOARD THIS YEAR.

Applications for scholarships should be submitted in the prescribed form (obtainable free of charge, from the SECRETARY, SCHEDULED CASTE SCHOLARSHIP BOARD, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, NEW DELHI) through the Head of the Institution attended or last attended by the candidate.

The last date for receipt of applications is April, 30th, 1946. Candidates who applied last year but were not selected should submit fresh applications.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

Department of Industries and Supplies,
Office of the Director of Supplies, Strand House, Graham Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Consequent on the formation of the Department of Industries & Supplies amalgamating the Departments of Supply and Industries and Civil Supplies the head of the regional organisation of the new Department in the Bombay Circle has been redesignated "DIRECTOR OF SUPPLIES" with effect from the 1st February, 1946.

2. The Director of Supplies will be responsible for all the functions previously vested in the Controller of Supplies including purchase of all items of stores, formerly dealt with by the Purchase Branches of the Controller of Supplies and Directorate of Munitions Production, which have now been merged in the new organisation.

3. All communications previously addressed to the Controller of Supplies and the Purchase Branch of the Directorate of Munitions Production should henceforth be addressed as under:—

"The Director of Supplies, Strand House, Ballard Estate, Bombay."

4 The telegraphic address of the office will be "CONSUPBOM".

(Sd.) S. C. LATIF.
Director of Supplies.

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NOTICE

Date of submitting Tenders for supplying Two Electrically Driven Centrifugal Pumps required for Dudheshwar Water Works is hereby extended from 31st March, 1946 to 30th April, 1946.

(Sd.) S. G. PANDYA,
Municipal Engineer,
Ahmedabad Municipality.

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REGIONAL DISPOSALS COMMISSIONER

SOUTHERN CIRCLE, BOMBAY

Invites tenders for purchase and removal of:—

NAILS (assorted) Tons 39 Cwts. 12 Approx.
HOOP IRON & WIRE Tons 28 Cwts. 15 Approx.
SCRAP METAL Tons 41 Cwts. 10 Approx.

in their present condition available at Government Timber Salvage Depot, Matunga. The materials can be inspected at site by arrangement with stockholder.

2. Offers in terderer's own form in double covers the inner being sealed and superscribed Tender No. RCS/MPD/3903 and due date, should reach Phoenix Building, Graham Road, Ballard Estate, not later than 4 P.M. on 25th February, 1946 and remain open upto 15th March, 1946.

3. Earnest money, which is refundable to unsuccessful tenderers for 10 per cent of the value of offer in Imperial or Reserve Bank of India or Government of India Treasury Receipt in favour of Regional Disposals Commissioner, Southern Circle under Head of Account "Revenue Deposit" must accompany the tender.

4. Sale is subject to Conditions of Contract Con. 117 obtainable at this office and is without guarantee of condition or quantity.

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE Re: WOMEN-JURORS

Every woman between the ages of 25 and 60, who is a British Subject or a Subject of the United States of America and is resident within Greater Bombay, and who is a Graduate of a recognised University (where the medium of instruction is English), or is able to understand and speak the English Language and is in receipt of an income of rupees one hundred and fifty a month or upwards, or is the wife, or (if unmarried), the daughter of a person who is in receipt of an income of rupees one hundred and fifty a month or upwards is qualified to apply to serve as a Juror.

Women qualified as above and desiring to serve as Jurors should apply in writing to the Sheriff of Bombay, High Court, before the 15th day of March, 1946 giving the following particulars.—

(1) Name in full (Block letters, surname first), (2) Age, (3) Nationality, (4) Residence, (5) Educational qualifications, (6) Income of applicant/husband/father, (7) Religion, (8) Occupation.

A. A. JASDENVALA,
Sheriff of Bombay.

Sheriff's Office,
High Court, Bombay,
Dated this 14th February, 1946.

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NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS for appointment to ten posts of Marketing Inspectors are invited from persons with "Approved War-service" who are natives of the Province of Bombay.

GRADE: Rs. 100-110-8-150.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: A degree in Agriculture, Commerce or Economics, of a recognised University or graduate or licentiate of a recognised Indian Agricultural College.

AGE LIMIT: 30 years; but applications from persons above the age limit will also be considered.

Last date for receipt of applications—21st MARCH 1946.

Particulars and prescribed forms of applications are obtainable from the office of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Bombay Province, Poona, and can be obtained on application together with a self-addressed (large) envelope bearing postage stamps of the value of 3½ annas.

S. M. EKRAM, I.C.S.,
Registrar,
Co-operative Societies, B.P.,
Poona.

Poona, the 14th February 1946.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from male Muslim candidates to fill a vacancy in the post of Assistant Engineer under the Chief Engineer, Public Health, Bengal. Pay—150-650. Age—must not be less than 30 years on 1st February, 1946. Qualifications must be a B.E. of an Indian University or possess a degree equivalent thereto or be a Corporate Member of the Institute of Engineers (India). Full details and application forms may be obtained from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Bengal, Anderson House, Alipore, Calcutta, personally or on sending an addressed envelope with a nine pies stamp affixed. They will not be supplied on receipt of mere stamps. Letters must not be addressed to the Secretary by name. Last date for receipt of applications on prescribed form, together with a treasury receipt for Rs. 5, 3rd March 1946. (6716)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR EMPLOYMENT OF TECHNICAL PERSONNEL

Control of Advertisements by Employers

The Press Notification which appeared in this paper on 17th, 22nd, 29th November 1944 imposing control over advertisement for and engagement of technical personnel is hereby cancelled with effect from 15th February, 1946.

With effect from the date mentioned above, employers need not, therefore, obtain permission of this Tribunal for advertising vacancies for technical personnel or for engaging technical personnel.

D. R. PRADHAN,
Chairman,
National Service Labour Tribunal,
Bombay.

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
Suit No. 517 of 1939

THE EAST and WEST INSURANCE CO., LTD. .. Plaintiffs.
vs.
GAJANAN KRISHNA DANDEKAR and another .. Defendants.
and
SHANTIBAI SHANKERLAL ..... Applicant.

Pursuant to Decree Absolute for Sale dated 31st January 1940 and Judges Order dated the 16th day of July 1945 the following immovable properties will be sold by Public Auction in two lots by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at his Office in the Court House on Tuesday 19th March 1946 at the hour 4-45 p. m. (S.T.).

LOT NO. I

All that piece of land at Mouje Palghar admeasuring 6111 Square Yards together with the Bungalow and outhouses thereon bearing Survey Nos. 101 and 102 and Non-agricultural No. 23 and Municipal No. 23.

LOT NO. II

All that piece of Paddy and grass fields at Palghar in Mouje Shelwale Devkhapi, Taluka Palghar, Palghar, admeasuring 71 Acres 5½ Gunthas bearing Survey Nos. 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 43, 44, 50, 135, all having Hissa No. 1, Survey Nos. 136, 137 and 139, Hissa No. 1 Parade Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 12.

All that piece of Paddy and grass fields at Palghar Devkhape, Taluka Palghar, admeasuring 58 Acres 27¼ Gunthas bearing Survey Nos. 3038(1), 39(1), 40(2), 42, 43, 44, 45(1), 46(2), 47(2), 47(4), 118, 125, 127(1), 131, 132, 133, 134, 138, 142.

For further particulars and conditions of Sale, application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the office of Messrs. Payne and Co., Attorneys for the Applicant abovenamed at No. 54, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 31st day of January, 1946.

ARMAND F. SEQUEIRA,
Commissioner.

(6701)

AUCTION SALES.

SALE TO-MORROW

Sunday 17th February 1946 at 10-30 A. M. in the building next to Jubilee Mansion, Lady Jehangir Road, (near Band Stand) Parsee Colony Dadar.

As previously advertised, Household furniture including Old English Chairs, Chinese Porcelain, Safe and other articles belonging to the late Bai Aimai Jehangir Panthaki will be sold as stated above by order of her executors.

AUCTION SALE ON MONDAY THE 16TH FEBRUARY 1946 AT 3 P. M. AT THE SALE ROOM OF THE UNDERSIGNED.

Well built rose wood and Teakwood furniture belonging to P. N. Chandavarkar, Esq., C.I.E., comprising tapestry lined and cane set drawing room settees and chairs; expanding dining table and chairs; side boards, dressing and writing desks, book cases, cots, Almyrahs, tea-poys etc.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO.
123, Medows St., Fort.

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLAIMED BOOKED AND UNBOOKED PARCELS, VALUABLES, OLD BOOKS, CLOTHING, UMBRELLAS, BOOTS, ETC., ETC.

Under instruction from the B. B. & C. I. Railway in accordance with Section 56 of the Indian Railway Act No. IX of 1890 MENESEE & CO., will sell by Public Auction the abovementioned articles at the risk of the owners at 1-30 p.m. (S.T.) on TUESDAY, the 5th March, 1946, at the Railway's Bombay Central Parcel Office (near Grant Road Station).

MENESEE & CO.

AUCTION SALES

BONA FIDE SALE

Auction Sale Tomorrow Sunday at 10-30 a. m. Property of an European gentleman and others at Chowpatty Sea Face near Vianeli's Restaurant of complete household and office furniture Singer machine, mirror door steel almirah, Austrian and other safe, Remington Standard typewriter, dining, writing and dressing table, chairs, side board, show case, Chesterfield, almirah, bed, gramophone, glassware etc. T. 40213.

EASTERN AUCTION CO.

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLAIMED GOODS AT WADI BUNDER. G.I.P. RLY.

M/s. GANDHI & CO. will under instructions from G.I.P. Rly. and in accordance with Section 55 and 56 of Indian Railways Act IX of 1890, sell by Public Auction on Thursday, 28th Inst. at 12 Noon (S. T.) at G.I.P. Railway, Wadi Bunder, Unclaimed Goods Office, the unclaimed goods including:—

Bags of G. N. seeds, Turmeric, castor seeds, Rapeseeds, Almond, Mowhaseeds, Chillies, gum, cotton, Bundles of gunnies, bidi leaves, catachue, C. ropes, dry fish, dry fruits, Cases of tea, shoes, charals, soap, cycle parts, etc. Goods H. H. Effect, Tins of ghee, oil, grease, rosin, Baskets of bangles, chimneys, E. I. casks, E. W. cases, E. P. cans etc. etc.

Terms: 50% Deposit and balance to be paid and delivery to be taken on or before 9th Proximo.

AUCTION SALE OF ALL STOCK-IN-TRADE OF MULRAJ HOSIERY MART including knitting machines, spare parts, needles, yarn, stockings etc. with Goodwill on SATURDAY, 16th Inst. at 3 p.m. (S. T.) at Sheth Hansraj Pragji Buildings, No. 13, Parekh Street, Girgaum, Bombay, under instructions from M|s Rustomji and Ginwala, Attorneys for M.s. Virchand Voridas & Co., the Mortgagees and on account and at risk of Mulraj Keshavji Ved, the proprietor of the abovenamed shop, the Mortgagor.

Terms: 50% Deposit.

GANDHI & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF 70 B. H. P CRUDE OIL MARINE ENGINE

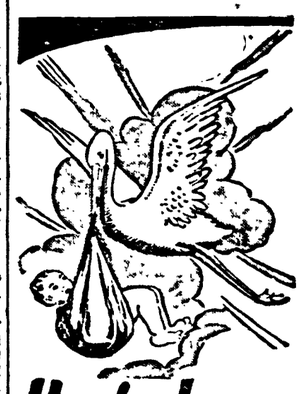
By order of Messrs. Anderson Dawn & Co., and on account and risk of Messrs. Oriental Engineering Co., we shall sell by Public Auction on Tuesday 19th February, 1946, at 3 P.M. (S.T.), in the Scindia Ship Yard, Mazagaon, one 70 B.H.P. Crude Oil Marine Engine. Terms: Full cash and immediate delivery. CRAWFORD & CO.

OPPORTUNITY TO HOUSE-BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS

Auction Sale of 326 tons Country Teak, 65 tons Coniferous teak, & 121 tons Jungle wood, by order of the Regional Disposals Commissioner, on Thursday 21st. February 1946, at 10-30 A. M. (S. T.), at Government Port Timber Salvage Depot, Reay Road, Mazagaon. Terms: 25 per cent deposit or full cash, and delivery in 21 days.

CRAWFORD & CO., Ph. 20521.

Grand Auction Sale of very valuable Real Jewellery set with Brilliant Diamonds, Emeralds, Rubies, Pearls, etc., (Tomorrow) Sunday, the 17th inst., at 10 A.M (S.T.) at 313, Kalbadevi Road, Messrs. A. Bhagwanlal & Co.'s showroom (opp. Swadeshi Market). Under instructions from the Parties concerned. Jewellery on view. THE PRESIDENCY AUCTION CO., Auctioneers.



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